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Dear Colleague

### Common tests and general biochemistry pages in ICE

As of **Tuesday 1 November 2022**, we are introducing some minor changes to the common tests and general biochemistry pages on ICE. These changes include:

- Grouping similar tests together, in alphabetical order where possible
- Removing tests that have limited clinical utility
- Adding more explanatory text to guide appropriate requesting

The pages are now called Common Tests N and Biochem General, and the previous pages will be removed (Common Tests and Biochemistry M).

Note that the search function can still be used to find less common tests that don't appear on either of these pages. Endocrine tests, e.g. cortisol, PTH and reproductive hormones, now have a separate page (Endo P Care, as detailed in my previous letter).

We welcome any feedback you may have on these changes and are always happy to provide support with requesting the most appropriate tests. Please contact me or my colleagues (Dr Moya O'Doherty: [moya.o'doherty@nhs.net](mailto:moya.o'doherty@nhs.net), Dr Nicola Pullan: [nicola.pullan@nhs.net](mailto:nicola.pullan@nhs.net) and Francesca Robinson: [francesca.robinson3@nhs.net](mailto:francesca.robinson3@nhs.net)) if you wish to discuss further. More information and guidelines are on our pathology website <https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/pathology/> and the duty biochemist is available Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm on 01225 824050 for clinical queries or email [ruh-tr.dutybiochemist@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.dutybiochemist@nhs.net).

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