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Dear Colleague

Gastroenterology profiles in ICE

As of Monday 7 February 2022, we are introducing some changes to the gastroenterology profiles on ICE. The tests in the updated profiles reflect current best practice and guidelines and have been agreed with the gastroenterology team at the RUH.

The gastro profiles are split into two sections: those needed for referral to secondary care and those for ongoing monitoring of patients with an established diagnosis. Selecting the profile required takes you to a second screen where the tests are listed – these can be selected all together or individually if it is known that a particular test has already been completed recently.

Please note that the non-alcoholic fatty liver disease screen profile (NAFLD) contains the tests that are needed to calculate the FIB-4 index for liver fibrosis. This can't be reported automatically at present but we hope to implement this in the future.

We welcome any feedback you may have on these changes and are always happy to provide support with requesting the most appropriate profiles. Please contact me or my colleagues (Dr Moya O'Doherty: moya.o'doherty@nhs.net, Dr Nicola Pullan: nicola.pullan@nhs.net and Francesca Mills: francesca.mills@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.

For IT queries regarding ICE, please contact ruh-tr.ClinicalComms@nhs.net.

Yours sincerely



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