



Pathology Department

The Pathology Department at the Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore (MRHT) is comprised of the following key disciplines: Biochemistry, Blood Bank, Haematology, Histopathology and Microbiology. All laboratories are situated together on the ground floor of the hospital.

The Pathology Department, MRHT, is committed to providing a high quality, efficient and comprehensive service to its users. The Pathology Department participates in external quality accreditation schemes, such as ISO 15189 which is monitored by the Irish National Accreditation Board [INAB]. INAB monitors total quality performance and also checks for compliance with the EU Blood directive 2002/98/EC. The quality of results is of fundamental importance and the Pathology Department operates to strict scientific and management standards. Results are authorised within a framework of comprehensive internal and external quality control and assurance.



PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT USER MANUAL

The Pathology Department User Manual will be reviewed on a yearly basis and only the current version is valid for use. The latest electronic version is available on the Pathology Department homepage which can be found by logging on to

- Link: http://hsenet.hse.ie/Hospital_Staff_Hub/Tullamore/ppgsmrht/Laboratories/Laboratory_in_MRH_@_Tullamore.html

LOCATION AND ACCESS TO THE PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Laboratory is situated at the end of the new hospital main concourse, between the Pharmacy Department and the Mortuary. Access to the Pathology Laboratory is restricted to hospital personnel at all times.

SPECIMEN DELIVERY FROM OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL

- Specimens being delivered by non-hospital staff can be placed in the designated fridge for pathology samples situated near Hospital Reception or dropped directly into the Laboratory Specimen Reception area.
- Out of hours access to the Pathology Department is restricted to Hospital Portering staff and other authorised staff for delivery of urgent specimens, *etc.* Staff trained to collect blood products can access the Blood Issue Room using their swipe card.
- Additional access can be arranged via the hospital switch or the on call medical scientist

ACCREDITATION STATUS

- INAB Accreditation Registration number: 221MT Link: <https://www.inab.ie/Directory-of-Accredited-Bodies/Laboratory-Accreditation/Medical-Testing/>

COMPLAINTS/ SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT/COMPLIMENTS

The Laboratory welcomes all complaints, suggestions for improvement and compliments from Clinicians, Patients or other related parties. These are addressed via the Pathology Department Quality Management System In order to make a complaint please contact the appropriate Department, the Laboratory Manager or the Quality Manager.

Data Protection

The Pathology Department is committed to complying with Data Protection and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) laws 1988 – 2018 and is committed to protecting the privacy of personal information of its service users and patients. Data protection within The Pathology Department at Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore is governed by the National HSE Personal Data Protection Policy.

- Data Protection: Link <https://www.hse.ie/eng/gdpr/>

Hours of Service

Days	Routine Hours	On Call Service
Monday – Friday Blood Transfusion, Biochemistry, Haematology, & Microbiology	Opening hours 08:00 - 20:00hrs	Emergency On-Call Service provided from 20:00 to 08:00hrs the following day.
Histology	08:00–18:00hrs	
Specimen reception	08:30– 17:45hrs	
Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays	No routine service.	Emergency On-Call Service provided.

On Call/Out of Hours Service	On call disciplines	Contact
Emergency On-Call Service provided from 20:00 to 08:00 the following day and on a 24h basis on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.	Medical Scientist cover for Blood Transfusion and Haematology	Can be contacted through reception 057 932 1501 Internal Ext. 3000) or Lab On Call Mobile; 086 0482356.
	Medical Scientist cover for Microbiology and Biochemistry	Can be contacted through reception (057) 932 1501 Internal Ext. 3000) or Lab On Call Mobile; 9-2pm Biochemistry 0867742465 9-2pm Microbiology 0867777347 2pm on 0867742465
Laboratory Consultant Outside of Hours Emergency Contact	Haematology, Histopathology, Microbiology	Consultant on Call Can be contacted through reception (057) 932 1501 Internal Ext. 3000) or Lab On Call Staff
Mortuary	Mortuary Services	Can be contacted via Nursing Administration through reception (057) 932 1501 Ext 58489/8490

Contact Information

GENERAL ENQUIRIES: LABORATORY SECTION

Blood Transfusion	057 9358385
Biochemistry	057 9358504
Haematology	Haematology:057 9358351/Coagulation:0579358347
Histopathology	General: 057 9358338/Reports: 0579358342/59393
Microbiology	General: 057 9358371
Pathology Office	General: 0579358243/58380 Histology Secretary Office: 057 9358342/59393 Laboratory accounts: 057 9358379
Specimen Reception and External Test Enquires	057 93558354

Key Contacts Laboratory Staff

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