

Pathology Department

Pathology Department, Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore

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.

HOURS OF OPERATION OF LABORATORY SERVICES

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.

Contact Information

GENERAL ENQUIRIES: LABORATORY SECTION	
Blood Transfusion	057 9358385
Biochemistry	057 9358504
Haematology	057 9358351
Histopathology	057 9358338
Microbiology	057 9358371
Pathology Office	057 9358342 Histology Secretary

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Consultant Chemical Pathologist	Dr Vivion Crowley	Contactable via the Biochemistry Laboratory at 057 93 58504

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

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

SPECIMEN DELIVERY FROM INSIDE THE HOSPITAL

- During routine Pathology opening times, samples are collected from designated collection points throughout the hospital by the laboratory attendant. Scheduled times for collection are detailed at each collection point. Collection at each point is signed off when it occurs.
- Samples are also delivered to the laboratory by hospital porters.
- Histology samples are delivered directly to the Histology Laboratory.
- Samples are sent to the Pathology Department via the Pneumatic chute system. Only red carriers are to be used to send specimens to the Pathology Department. Only permitted

samples may be sent via the chute. See tables below for a list of specimens/products that cannot be delivered via the chute system and also the relevant laboratory pneumatic chute station numbers for routine and on call hours.

List of Samples/Products that must not be delivered via the Chute

Sample Type	Comment
Albumin for infusion	
Blood gas samples	
Bone marrow biopsies	Bottles available in the Histology Laboratory. Hand deliver.
Coagulation products	
CSF samples	Hand deliver; phone laboratory in advance
Cytology samples	
Factor assays	Hand deliver to Specimen Reception
Specialist coagulation tests	Thrombophilia screen, Factor assays, VWF
Glass bone marrow blood culture bottles for TB	Bottles available from Specimen Reception. Hand deliver
Histology samples	
Schilling test samples	
Thrombophilia Screens	Hand deliver to Specimen Reception
Blood Components for transfusion	i.e. Red Cell Concentrate and Platelets
Blood Products or Factor Concentrates	i.e. SD Plasma, Prothrombin Complex Concentrate(Octoplex), Fibrinogen
24Hr Urine Containers	
Items >1 kg in weight	

Delivery of specimens via the Pneumatic Chute during Hours: 8:00 – 17:45 Monday–Friday

Specimen type	Send to Laboratory Station
Samples for Biochemistry, Haematology, Coagulation and External tests	Specimen Reception - 8354
Blood group / cross-match samples	Blood Transfusion - 8385
All Microbiology samples should be sent directly to the Microbiology Laboratory.	Microbiology - 8371

Delivery of specimens via the Pneumatic Chute Out of Hours: 17.45 – 08:00 Monday–Friday, and all day Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays.

Specimen type	Send to Laboratory Station
Biochemistry	Biochemistry - 8504
Blood group / Cross-match samples Haematology / Coagulation samples	Haematology - 8351
All Microbiology samples should be sent directly to the Microbiology Laboratory	Microbiology - 8371

ACCREDITATION STATUS

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

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 can be viewed online at the following link:

- Link: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/acute-hospitals-division/hospital-groups/dublin-midlands-hospital-group/our-hospitals/mrht/mrht-laboratory-user-manual.pdf>

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/>