



## 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. The Mortuary Department is located adjacent to the Laboratory 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 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 <https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/acute-hospitals-division/hospital-groups/dublin-midlands-hospital-group/our-hospitals/mrht>

### 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  
<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. <https://www.hse.ie/eng/gdpr/>

Hours of Operation of Laboratory Services	
<b>Weekday Services (Monday – Friday)</b>	
Department	Routine hours
Blood Transfusion Biochemistry Haematology Microbiology	<b>Core Hours</b> 09:00-17:00hrs (Full Operational Service )
Histology	<b>Extended Working day</b> 08:00 - 20:00hrs (Reduced Services outside of Core Hours)
Specimen reception	08:00–18:00hrs
	08:30– 17:45hrs*
*Routine Workload Cut-off:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All GP and in-house/OPD routine samples must be received in specimen reception by <b>4pm</b>.</li> <li>Routine samples arriving after the stated deadlines may not be processed until the next routine working day.</li> </ul>	
<b>Out of Hours /Weekend Pathology Services</b>	
<b>Monday-Friday</b>	
Service	Arrangements
Blood Transfusion Biochemistry Haematology Microbiology	Emergency On-Call Service provided from 20:00hrs until 08:00hrs* the following day.  *Note: 09:00hrs if the following day is a weekend/public holiday
<b>Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays</b>	
Service	Arrangements
Blood Transfusion, Biochemistry, Haematology, & Microbiology	09:00 – 14:00 hrs Sessional Service (Enhanced on -call service to facilitate essential hospital weekend services)  Emergency On-Call Service provided from 14:00 until 08:00hrs* the following day.  *Note: 09:00hrs if the following day is a weekend/public holiday
<b>Contact Details</b>	
<b>Routine Service - General Enquiries</b>	
Blood Transfusion	057 9358385
Biochemistry	057 9358504
Haematology	057 9358351
Histopathology	057 9358338
Microbiology	057 9358371
Pathology Office	057 9358342 Histology Secretary 057 9358379 Laboratory accounts 057 9359396 Demographics
Specimen Reception and External Test Enquires	057 9358354
<b>On-Call/Out of Hours Service</b>	
Medical Scientist cover for <b>Blood Transfusion and Haematology</b>	Can be contacted through reception <a href="tel:0579321501">057 932 1501</a> Internal Ext. 3000) or Lab On Call Mobile; 086 0482356.
Medical Scientist cover for <b>Microbiology and Biochemistry</b>	Can be contacted through reception <a href="tel:0579321501">(057) 932 1501</a> Internal Ext. 3000) or Lab On Call Mobile; 9-2pm Biochemistry 0867742465 9-2pm Microbiology 0867777347 2pm on 0867742465
Haematology, Histopathology, Microbiology	Consultant on Call Can be contacted through reception <a href="tel:0579321501">(057) 932 1501</a> Internal Ext. 3000) or Lab On Call Staff
Mortuary Services	Can be contacted via Nursing Administration through reception <a href="tel:0579321501">(057) 932 1501</a> Ext 58489/8490

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