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Alcohol testing – Hepatology and Transplant Medicine Unit

The Hepatology and Transplant Medicine Unit at Flinders Medicine Unit (the Liver Transplant Centre for SA/NT) now uses blood PEth (phosphatidylethanol) testing for alcohol monitoring (previously urinary EtG or ethylglucuronide).

The blood for PEth testing must be collected in a 4mL purple top tube (EDTA).

The specimen must be frozen within 2 hours of collection and sent to Pathology Queensland for testing. Accordingly, collection must be performed at collection centres co-located with a laboratory.

Metro: Flinders Medical Centre, Lyell McEwin Hospital, Modbury Hospital, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Royal Adelaide Hospital, and Women's and Children's Hospital

Regional: Berri, Gawler, Mount Gambier, Murray Bridge, Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, Port Pirie, Victor Harbor, Wallaroo, and Whyalla.

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Regards,

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