
MEMORANDUM

To : All Laboratory Users

From : Blood Transfusion Service, Department of Laboratory Medicine

Date : 10th February 2021

Re : **Pre-Admission Testing (PAT) for GXM samples**

Please be informed that the validity of Pre-admission Testing (PAT) for GXM samples collected at **OUTPATIENT SPECIALIST CLINICS** will be extended from 28 days to **45 days**, effective from **1 March, 2021 8am**.

- 1) The criteria for PAT remains the same: The patient **HAVE NOT** received any blood transfusion or is/was pregnant (including miscarriages/abortions) within the preceding 3 months.
- 2) Please note that the GXM sample for PAT must be collected by **GXM PAT certified/ trained** nurse.
- 3) If the patient is eligible for PAT, the Pre-Admission Crossmatch Declaration Form DLM-FORM-GEN-014 has to be signed by the patient and the signed form to be filed in the patient's case notes.
- 4) If the patient have been transfused or is/was pregnant (including miscarriages/ abortions) in the last 3 months, GXM will **NOT** be taken as PAT. Instead a new GXM will be collected when the patient is admitted for surgery.
- 5) If the patient were to receive any transfusion or become pregnant within the PAT validity period prior to surgery, the patient is required to inform the clinic.

The clinic or the Coordinator must inform Blood Transfusion Service at ext 22305 to invalidate the PAT GXM. A new GXM sample will then be taken upon admission.
- 6) For more information, refer to NUH-SOP-NSG-GEN-051 (Revision 06): Collection of Blood For Group and Crossmatch.

For further information, please contact Ms Susan Lim or Ms Karen Lim at ext. 22305 / 24344.

Yours sincerely,

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