

# PLIG newsletter on changes to GPOC (ICE)

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The following changes have been made to ICE:

- **PSA requests**
  - A question pop-up box has been added to ask if a patient is taking finasteride/dutasteride. If 'yes' is selected then an automated comment is added to the result to remind clinicians that PSA levels should be doubled in individuals taking these medications.
  - This change has been made in response to a clinical incident in Lothian arising from a failure to double a PSA result in a patient taking finasteride. It is important to do this as studies have shown that finasteride/dutasteride reduce serum PSA levels by an average of 50% and that this can result in delayed diagnosis of prostatic cancer if PSA results are not doubled for individuals taking these medications.
- **Coeliac screen – Anti-tissue transglutaminase (Anti-TTG) IgA**
  - Previously some individuals have requested immunoglobulins alongside a coeliac screen to check for IgA deficiency (which if present could cause a false negative TTG IgA level).
  - It has been agreed by both primary and secondary care that routine measurement of immunoglobulins/total IgA measurement is NOT REQUIRED alongside a coeliac screen as the laboratory has a strategy in place to detect IgA deficiency. A pop up box has been added at the point of request to confirm that the lab will automatically cascade total IgA levels +/- TTG IgG when appropriate
- **Lithium testing orderset**
  - The lithium (annual) profile has been renamed the lithium (six monthly) profile in response to guidance from the chief medical officer. This profile will continue to include Lithium, TFTs, C&Es and Ca/albumin. It is located on the CDM/DMARDS screen.
- **Changes to requesting Specific IgE tests (Allergy tests)**
  - A new information pop up box associated with the specific IgE test will provide details regarding the clinical utility of these tests.
  - There will be no 'tick list' of allergens to request specific IgE tests. Instead, selecting the specific IgE test will lead to a free text box appearing, where the allergens to be tested are typed in by the requestor.

The following changes to ICE will be made in the near future:

- **ALT only for statin monitoring**
  - A new test 'Statin monitoring – ALT' will be added to the common tests screen and clinical profiles screen
  - Further correspondence regarding this change will be sent out to practices shortly.

For any comments/suggestions of changes to ICE screens contact [sjenks@nhs.net](mailto:sjenks@nhs.net)

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