

PLIG Evening update 2023

7:30 to 7:45 – Welcome & PLIG Update – Sara Jenks, PLIG Chair

7:45 to 8:25 – CKD monitoring update – Rob Hunter, Consultant Nephrologist

8:25 to 9:00 – Lothian Lipid guideline update – Jonathan Malo, Consultant Chemical Pathologist

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Dr Sara Jenks

Consultant in Chemical Pathology/Metabolic Medicine

Chair, Primary care Lab Interface Group

Biochemistry, RIE

PLIG over past 18 months

- Post-prostatectomy PSA reference range
- HbA1c for diagnosis pilot
- ICE changes
 - Fertility ordersets
 - PTH request pop up
- Clinical guidance input
 - Lipids
 - CKD monitoring
 - Vitamin D guideline update - [Vitamin D – RefHelp \(nhslothian.scot\)](#)
 - Immunoglobulin interpretation guidelines - [Immunoglobulin testing – RefHelp \(nhslothian.scot\)](#)
 - HbA1c and Hb variant info - [HbA1c & Haemoglobin variants – RefHelp \(nhslothian.scot\)](#)
 - UTI guidance – see Lothian Joint Formulary

Results communication

- Changes to some phone limits
 - CRP >200 (GP in hours)
 - Li >1.5 mmol/L, >1.2 for over 65 year olds
- Phone limits available at [Reporting Results | Edinburgh and Lothians Laboratory Medicine \(edinburghlabmed.co.uk\)](http://edinburghlabmed.co.uk)
- Bypass phone numbers
- Discussion about emailing results ongoing

Secondary care ICE access update

- Project not progressing at present due to
 1. feedback from pilot practices that process was not straightforward to use (required phlebotomists to access alternative version of ICE system)
 2. Results governance concerns - better that secondary care uses trak to order bloods with results returning to trak e-sign off workbenches
 3. Concerns as to how demand would be managed given limited primary care phlebotomy resource
 4. Discussions ongoing at committees outwith PLIG as to how best to redesign phlebotomy services

Will be kept under review

General Lab update

- Demand for investigations rising
- Resources limited or reduced
- National Lab IT system planned

PLIG current and future projects

- Hyponatraemia guidance
- Primary care Add on request email – hoping to extend to WGH/SJH lab samples if admin resource allows
- Suggestions welcome – sara.jenks@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

Useful lab reminders

- During ICE system downtime please ensure the following patient identifiers are on the sample tube as per [Mandatory Data Set \(MDS\) | Edinburgh and Lothians Laboratory Medicine \(edinburghlabmed.co.uk\)](#) including
 - First Name and Surname
 - DOB
 - CHI (or address if CHI not available)
- [Laboratory Services – RefHelp \(nhslothian.scot\)](#) – details lab contact info including emails
 - Microbiology advice email due to be re-launched with aim to guarantee same day response for queries received before 3pm – further communication to follow

Thank you!

- GP reps –Jenny English, Ramon McDermott, Clare MacRae (secretary), Annie Lomas, Catriona Morton (Refhelp link), Peter Cairns (IT link)
- Practice manager rep – Kelly Kidd
- Lab team– Rebecca Pattenden (Biochem), Alice Klauser (Haematology), Sandeep Ramilingam (Virology), Ewan Olson (Micro), Charu Chopra (Immunology) Bernard Lawless (Quality manager), Nadine Wilkinson (Blood Sciences manager), Mike Gray (Lab service manger), Reproductive Medicine lab
- Labs IT team – Carol Thomson, Dave Sherriffs
- Secondary care teams – lipid, renal, endocrine, urology
- Refhelp team