

PATHOLOGY LABELLING REQUIREMENTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Are clinical notes important?

Yes, relevant in relation to drug therapy or other medication etc.

2. If the specimens and request form do not meet the minimum labelling requirement can someone come to the laboratory and make alterations?

No, testing will not be performed unless the specimen is deemed irreplaceable.

3. Who can sign for errors for an irreplaceable specimen?

Only the specimen collector who will be required to confirm patient identification and sign the "Acceptance of Responsibility" declaration.

4. Can someone other than the requesting doctor add other crucial information to the request form (e.g. clinical notes, test requested, doctors details)?

NO, the doctor will be required to attend Pathology to complete the required information

5. Can I use a stamp with my requesting doctor details?

Yes, please also sign the request form.

6. Can I use pre-printed requests with my requesting doctor details and ward details?

Yes, please also sign the request form.

7. Can I add on a test over the phone?

No, an add-on test requires a request form with all the required details.

8. Do I need a doctor's provider number?

Yes, all doctors in Monash Health require a provider number for each site.