

Lab sample requesting in the event of electronic order system downtime



All mandatory datasets must be completed on the sample AND the form

Requests for laboratory analysis within NHS Lothian that do not comply will be REJECTED.

This is due to the risk of results being assigned to the incorrect patient or reported to the incorrect location.

The form requires:

- CHI (Community Health Index) Number*
- Surname
- Forename
- Date of Birth
- Sex
- Requesting Location (Ward/Clinic/GP)
- Requesting Clinician and Clinical area
- Tests requested

Find the test request form here:

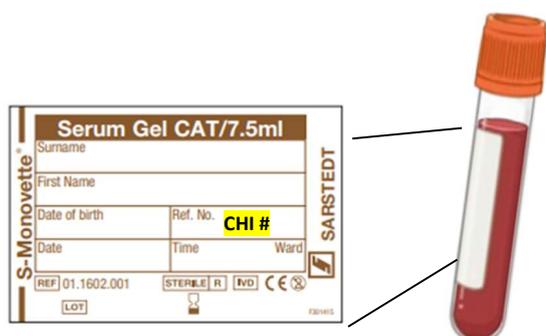
**If the CHI is unavailable, then include:*

- Postcode and/or
- First line of patient's address

Postcode/address are necessary if CHI is missing because the lab database includes patients from across Scotland and there are many duplicate individuals with the same name and DOB

The sample (inc blood, urine and stool) requires:

- Surname
- Forename
- Date of Birth
- CHI Number (or postcode / address)



Blood tubes for common tests:

Order of draw

1 st	Serum gel	U&E Creatinine Liver group B12/Folate Calcium Phosphate	Magnesium Albumin Cholesterol Lipids Troponin	Rheumatoid Factor Anti-CCP Gentamicin Vancomycin
2 nd	Sodium Citrate	Coagulation	INR	
3 rd	EDTA	FBC Immunosuppressants	PTH HbA1c	
4 th	Fluoride	Random Glucose Fasting Glucose	Lactate	

Find the complete list of tests here:

REQUEST FORM: https://edinburghlabmed.co.uk/sites/default/files/2020-09/Blood_Sciences_Request_Form.pdf

MANDATORY DATA SET: <https://edinburghlabmed.co.uk/UsingTheService/RequestTests/Pages/MDS>

TUBE TYPES: <https://edinburghlabmed.co.uk/sites/default/files/2024-09/UINF-35%20-%20Tube%20Types.pdf>