MAC
MINIMUM ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

GET IT RIGHT FIRST TIME FOR YOUR PATIENTS.
AVOID SAMPLE REJECTION AND REPEAT SAMPLING. USE MAC

Note to users: HCP code now needed for all lab tests

No code no test - from the 3rd June The HCP (Health Care Provider Code) is the only clinician code that will be recognised by laboratory services.

If the HCP code is not on the form the sample will be rejected.

LABORATORY REQUEST

- H&C Number [1]
- Official First Name
- Surname
- Sex
- Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)
- Date and time of sample collection
- Full name of the requesting Consultant / Authorised Health Care Professional and their HCP code or GP cypher code [2]
- Source name / location code or GP practice code [3]
- Test requested
- Anatomical site and Specimen type [4]
- Name / Signature of staff member taking the sample [5]

SAMPLE

- H&C Number [1]
- Official First Name
- Surname
- Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)
- Name / Signature of staff member taking the sample [5]

Location Code or GP practice code

For more information please refer to Laboratory user manual
https://southerntrustlab.hscni.net/

1. The H&C Number must be used unless the patient is not registered with a GP in NI / is registered but does not yet have their H&C number (in which case, it must clearly state "No H&C number available" on the request form) or In an emergency situation when the identity of the patient is UNKNOWN (in which case, use the local hospital emergency numbering system)
2. HCP code must be registered by Information Standards Group. To request a HCP code please visit
https://regional.sharepoint.hscni.net/sites/CCIS/SitePages/NIHCPCodeRequest.aspx
3. Detailed descriptor of source/location is required, for example stating simply "outpatients" as a location name is no longer acceptable and will be rejected under MAC. encompass location code should be provided on request form to ensure correct return of results. However it is noted not all areas area are in the position to provide an encompass location code at present and therefore provision of encompass code will not be enforced under MAC at this time.
4. Mandatory for Microbiology only
5. Mandatory for Blood Transfusion only

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