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Dear Colleague

**GP Requesting of Urea & Electrolytes (U&Es)**

The Pathology Users Group of East and North Herts NHS Trust discussed the usefulness of a routine urea result for clinical management in the community. The consensus was that a urea result did not add any value as the primary interest is in the creatinine, electrolyte and EGFR result. Dr Lavelle has discussed this issue with the Commissioning group who have agreed that a routine urea result is not necessary in the community. From the beginning of September therefore all results for urea and electrolytes from GPs will only receive a result for creatinine and electrolytes, ICE ordering will be amended to reflect this decision. Requests for urea can still be made as a separate test when clinically required.

If you have any questions or objections you wish to raise on this matter please do not hesitate to contact me either by telephone on 01707 224888 or by email

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With many thanks.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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