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To: General Practitioners  
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Dear Colleagues

### Pathology Users Group - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010

The following issues were discussed at the PUG on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Please can you feedback any comments to me?

- Faecal occult bloods. There was mixed feedback on removing this test from the repertoire, some GPs supporting this, others finding it a very useful test for reassurance in patients where serious pathology is not suspected. FOBs will therefore continue to be available. However since the PUG meeting, further information has become available suggesting that the national quality control tests for FOBs may be withdrawn, in which case this issue will have to be revisited.
- ALT testing for statin monitoring has now been set up on ICE. Full LFTs will be carried out if the ALT is abnormal. LFTs can of course always be requested separately if there are concerns on other aspects of liver function
- LFT profiles. Unfortunately there were no representatives from primary care or from gastroenterology so this topic has been deferred.

With thanks



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