

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE DOCUMENT (SOP)

Title	Sefton Practices – Managing results (Blood and Radiology)	Doc. No.	PCS034
Scope	Operational and Clinical Directorate		
Purpose	For the safe handling of blood and radiology results within General Practice.		
Guidelines	To enable appropriate management and follow up of patients in line with guidelines and good practice (see Appendix 1 Classification of chronic kidney disease using GFR and ACR categories and Appendix 2 HbA1C in diagnosis of Type Two diabetes and Pre-diabetes.) Please note the reference to ANPs in this SOP relates to ANPs with a full masters qualification.		
PROCEDURE		RESPONSIBILITY	
1	Urgent results telephoned through to the practice by Lab/Radiology departments. Practice staff to make GP/ ANP aware within one hour via EMIS pop up. If the clinician is off site contact must be made by telephone. In the event no GP is available practice staff must escalate to Practice Manager or Service Lead if Practice Manager is not available to identify resource from another practice/service.	Practice Staff	
2	Abnormal Lab/Radiology Results via links To be actioned by GP/ANP within 48 hours of arriving in links. If GP/ANP judges the abnormal lab/radiology result to be CLINICALLY urgent, an urgent task MUST to be sent to administration staff to be actioned on the same day. If GP/ANP judges the abnormal lab/radiology result NOT to be clinically urgent, a non-urgent task will be sent to administration staff.	Practice Staff	
3	Normal lab results/radiology via links Normal results to be actioned by GP/ANP within 3 working days	Practice Staff	
4	Escalation of breaches It is the responsibility of practice manager to report any breaches in the management of blood results in DATIX and escalate as appropriate.	Practice Managers	

Appendix 1

Classification of chronic kidney disease using GFR and ACR categories
 Chronic kidney disease in adults: assessment and management
 Clinical guideline [CG182]

GFR and ACR categories and risk of adverse outcomes			ACR categories (mg/mmol), description and range		
			<3 Normal to mildly increased	3–30 Moderately increased	>30 Severely increased
			A1	A2	A3
GFR categories (ml/min/1.73 m ²), description and range	≥90 Normal and high	G1	No CKD in the absence of markers of kidney damage		
	60–89 Mild reduction related to normal range for a young adult	G2			
	45–59 Mild–moderate reduction	G3a ¹			
	30–44 Moderate–severe reduction	G3b			
	15–29 Severe reduction	G4			
	<15 Kidney failure	G5			



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¹ Consider using eGFRcystatinC for people with CKD G3aA1 (see recommendations 1.1.14 and 1.1.15)

Abbreviations: ACR, albumin:creatinine ratio; CKD, chronic kidney disease; GFR, glomerular filtration rate

Adapted with permission from Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) CKD Work Group (2013) KDIGO 2012 clinical practice guideline for the evaluation and management of chronic kidney disease. Kidney International (Suppl. 3): 1–150

Appendix 2

HbA1C IN DIAGNOSIS TYPE TWO DIABETES World Health Organisation

HbA1c can indicate people with prediabetes or diabetes as follows:

HbA1c	mmol/mol	%
Normal	Below 42 mmol/mol	Below 6.0%
Prediabetes	42 to 47 mmol/mol	6.0% to 6.4%
Diabetes	48 mmol/mol or over	6.5% or over

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