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Temporary change to pregnancy testing process

Due to a temporary shortage of urine pregnancy dipstick test strips, there has been a temporary change to the pregnancy testing process.

Until further notice, if a pregnancy test is required, colleagues should request a blood beta hCG test on Cerner, print the request label and send the patient's labelled blood sample to the main laboratory for analysis.

Where an urgent result is required, please ensure the blood beta hCG test is requested as urgent on Cerner to support timely processing.

This temporary process will remain in place until urine pregnancy dipstick test strips are available again.

Thank you for your cooperation. Further updates will be shared as soon as normal supplies resume.