

# AOTEA PATHOLOGY - CLINICAL UPDATE

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## Major Upgrade to Biochemistry Testing Equipment



### A new project is underway to future-proof Aotea Pathology's Biochemistry department

The main automation platform in the Biochemistry department at Aotea Pathology is being upgraded to the new Roche Cobas 8000 series instrumentation, with completion expected by February 2014. This significant project will increase our testing capacity while also harmonising with platforms in other regional laboratories.

The changeover from the current Modular instrumentation will be gradual; training and assay crossover will be carried out in Auckland prior to shipping of the equipment, to minimise disruptions to service. Due to the large changes required to achieve this upgrade there may be slightly longer turnaround times for routine tests temporarily.

#### Key equipment changes will occur on:

Weekend of 12-13 October – addition of extra equipment

Friday 1 November- Removal of Modular section 1

Weekend of 16-17 November – First section of Cobas 8000 live

During this period the following tests may need to be batched and performed on Tuesdays and Fridays:

- Rheumatoid factor, ASLO, Drugs, Testosterone, Cortisol

This significant investment in future proofing our service is indicative of Aotea Pathology's commitment to high quality testing and recognises the importance of our pathology service to the region. We appreciate your understanding over this time.

Further updates will be posted on our website [www.apath.co.nz](http://www.apath.co.nz). Or you can contact:

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