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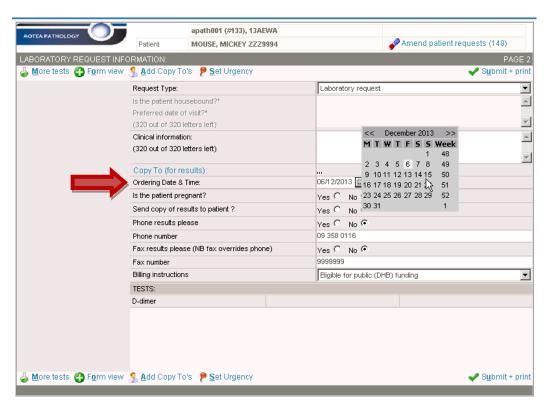
AOTEA PATHOLOGY - CLINICAL UPDATE

DECEMBER 2013

Expiry of laboratory request forms

As mentioned in our December electronic newsletter, after consultation with the Oversight Advisory Group all laboratory request forms will now have a limited life of 6 months. **This change took effect from** Monday 16 December 2013.

At times request forms may need an expiry interval longer than 6 months. For these situations you can use the forward dating mechanism in elab (see image below), or handwrite expiry date instructions on the paper request form. If you have any queries please contact Fiona James (04) 381 5979 or via email fjames@apath.co.nz.



Change to ESR test request protocol

ESR test requests are approved for back pain investigations. Please ensure 'back pain' is clearly stated on the request form where applicable.

When referring patients to Wellington Hospital for back pain investigation please include any ESR results as this is required at assessment.

For further information please visit our website http://www.apath.co.nz/esr-test-request-protocol