

## Sirolimus testing – change of assay

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From the end of October 2014, Labplus will no longer be running the blood Sirolimus assay, and will be sending samples to Christchurch for testing Sirolimus levels. The current assay is done on the Abbott Architect analyser, which is being discontinued. The Christchurch assay (mass spectrometry) is specific for the parent drug and gives slightly lower results (12% lower) than the Labplus immunoassay, which also detects some drug metabolites.

The Christchurch assay is run daily (except Sundays). Samples reaching Labplus by 12 noon will be sent by overnight courier for assay on the following day.

We hope the turnaround time will prove to be acceptable. If not, please let us know.

