

Memorandum

TO: External & Internal Customers

FROM: Michelle Blake, Business Development Manager, LabPLUS

DATE: 17 December 2019

SUBJECT: Serum free light chain assay platform upgrade

Dear Customer(s),

On behalf of the Department of Virology and Immunology (VIM) - Immunochemistry at Labplus, we would like to inform you that as of 13th January 2020 the platform used for the measurement of Serum free light chains will change from the SpaPlus to the Optilite. There is no change to the reagents but the platform is being upgraded from the SpaPlus to the Optilite.

The two platforms compare very well in most patients. However, sporadically, some samples with increased free light chain level (i.e. kappa or lambda >100mg/L) can demonstrate significant inter-platform difference. Therefore when the Optilite results are greater than 100mg/L, both Optilite and SpaPlus results will be provided once to facilitate re-baselining for a period of three months (until 17 April 2020).

Pricing will remain unchanged.

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact one of our Chemical Pathologists on chemicalpathologist@adhb.govt.nz. You can also contact one of Chemical Pathologists via LabLINK at (09) 307 8995 and ask for on-duty chemical pathologist.