

Information for Practices about OUH blood test requests

Oxford University Hospitals Foundation Trust (OUH) has had a system in place for some time, for the community collection of blood for our patients via the GP surgery. Originally this involved the pathology forms that we were all familiar with, but some time ago this was changed to bar-coded labels given to the patient at their OPA. Patients should then be told to make an appointment with their GP for a blood test *and to take the labels* which identify which tubes the phlebotomist should use.

- The information regarding this can be found [here](#) on ClinOx.
- There are specific guidelines for OUH clinicians on how to organise this, which are available [here](#).
- At the time of the request the patients are also given a letter or this is sent to them to clarify the process.

The current OCCG 19/20 [Locally Commissioned Service](#) for Procedures Requested by Secondary Care Providers allows for reimbursement for this service, when the practice enters the correct code.

Under this service specification the following will be funded:

- Blood tests carried out in the practice at the request of secondary care providers in advance of, and specifically for the purposes of an upcoming hospital outpatient attendance.

Please ensure all staff enter the correct information or read code when carrying out this service to obtain reimbursement.

Type Phlebotomy generated by secondary care done by practice
(*Phleb gen will bring up the right code.*)

Or **9N7D** (SNOMed codes to be confirmed)

Practices will be reimbursed on a quarterly basis following submission of their data

NB we are aware that this system is not ideal for pts seen in peripheral practices that use Reading to obtain blood tests and we are looking at a solution for these patients who need community phlebotomy.

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