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To all Consultants, Senior Registrars, Registrars, and Medical Officers,

Re: Chemical Pathology Investigation Requesting

Due to the prevailing economic crisis in the country, the reagent supply chain to the hospital is severely affected with reduced supply which is not adequate to cater the high volume of laboratory testing. It is practically difficult to cater a large demand with the available reagent stocks. Considering the situation, an uninterrupted laboratory service can only be continued, provided that the high volume of test requests reduces to a manageable level.

To cut down the excess testing following changes in the clinical practices are suggested.

1. Request specific tests by name without requesting profiles.
e.g.: If Serum Creatinine is required, please request “Creatinine” without requesting “RFT”
e.g.: If Bilirubin or AST/ALT required, please request the test by name without requesting “LFT”
e.g.: If the patient is screened for thyroid disease, please request “TSH” without requesting “TFT”
2. Request tests necessary for the management decision making, without requesting routine tests on admission.
3. Please do not repeatedly request tests for the already requested tests without searching for the results of the previous tests on the Online laboratory information management system or from the laboratory.