

Frequently asked questions

What are the Pathology Tests?

- Pathology tests are medical specialty tests. They help determine the cause and nature of diseases by testing samples of body tissues and different types of body fluids like blood, urine etc. The clinicians diagnose diseases with the help of these pathology test results and decide the course of treatments.

What are the various tests done in the Department?

- The Department receives and perform test on hematology, body fluids, cytology and histopathology sample. In addition Immunohistochemistry and flowcytometry are being performed whenever is required.

Where will the patient give the sample?

- Patient sent from the OPD will give hematology sample in the sample collection area(Ground Floor) while sample for FNAC will be collected in the FNAC Room, Pathology Department(5th Floor).All IPD/Indoor collected sample will be dispatched to the Sample Receiving Area in the Lab from the respective Department.

Are the investigations free of charge or chargeable?

- For all the lab related investigation, the charges are fixed by the Government /Administration and the tariff may be confirmed from the Billing Counter of the hospital.

How to send a specimen to the lab?

- Most specimens for Histopathological examination can be sent in appropriate containers containing Formalin or in normal saline for molecular study like CBNAAT. Hematology and sample for coagulation study are sent in EDTA and Citrate vial. For FNAC the sample may be stored in absolute alcohol for PAP Stain. The requesting physician may collect the appropriate vial/containers from the lab or from the store as per office policy.

How to arrange a frozen section/urgent biopsy?

- Frozen sections and examination of urgent biopsies can be arranged during working hours by prior information to the pathologist by the clinician.

How can I obtain a copy of my pathology report?

- Normally all the OPD Reports are dispatched to the OPD Counter for patient collection once they are ready. The IPD (Indoor) Reports once ready are dispatched to the ward or

the respective patient admission area. The patient or the attendant may collect the report personally from the lab after submitting proper receiving to the lab register.

What happens to my fluid or tissue sample after the laboratory has completed its examination?

- The vast majority of blood, tissue and fluid samples that are collected from patients are discarded after a specific period of time when all relevant testing is completed. Certain Histopathological samples may be preserved in the museum for pathology teaching.

What do I do if I have questions about my results and want to discuss them with someone?

- In most cases, your primary doctor or the doctor who order the tests will discuss the results with you and what they mean. If you are unclear about the results, especially regarding tissue biopsies, you may contact the Pathology Department and make an appointment to speak with a pathologist specifically about your results and what they mean. However, only your primary clinical doctor (not the pathologist) can determine with you what the next treatment steps should be for your health.