



Joan Kirner Women's and Children's Quick Reference Guide

Pathology

Ward Pathology Collections

- Morning collections will take place close to 10:00 in the Children's Ward and Women's Wards
- Afternoon collections will take place close to 14:00

Outpatient Pathology Collections

- JKWC Pathology Collection Centre, located on the Ground Floor, between 08:30 – 16:00 Monday to Friday
- Sunshine Hospital Pathology Collection Centre, located on the Ground Floor, between 08:30 – 19:00 Monday to Friday

Transporting Pathology Specimens

- Pathology specimens may be sent to the laboratory via the pneumatic tube system (PTS) station located on each floor, using a yellow coloured canister
- Staff using the PTS must ensure they select the correct destination when sending a specimen to ensure it arrives at the pathology lab
- Pathology lab staff are only responsible for the specimen once it arrives in the lab; if the specimen is lost in the PTS it is up to the clinical area responsible to work with Engineering to locate it

Pathology specimens that **are not** to be transported via the PTS are:

- Specimens in formalin be due to risk of spillage
- Specimens such as cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), where agitation/shaking can affect results

Note: Placentas are unlikely to fit into a specimen container and canister and will need to be transported to the lab by hand as required