

Blood Body Fluid Exposure

About Your Test

- While providing care for you, one of our staff has accidentally been exposed to your blood or body fluid.
- This can place the staff member at risk of being infected by viruses that might be present in your blood or body fluids. Understandably, this can cause concern for our staff member.
- These viruses could be present in your blood, even though you may appear completely well. We therefore ask you permission to test your blood for these viruses: Hepatitis B virus, Hepatitis C virus and the Human Immunodeficiency virus (more commonly known as HIV).
- It is completely within your rights to decline to have such testing done.

Procedure

Should you agree to have your blood tested, please advise the staff member who has provided you with this information sheet.

1. A phlebotomist (person trained in blood collection), from Canterbury Southern Community Laboratories will contact you to arrange a suitable time to visit you and take a blood test. They will be able to provide more information about the testing (in particular HIV testing), and also answer any questions you may have.
2. The results of testing will be sent to your doctor.
3. With your permission, they will also be provided to the staff member's doctor.