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**Laboratory and Transfusion Committee**

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Ladies*

**EasyCheck pregnancy test kit – discontinued**

**From:** Dr Michael Roberts, Chief Medical Officer  
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Throw out*

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The Laboratory advises that concerns have been raised about the accuracy of the EasyCheck Pregnancy Test. Therefore, it should not be used to make clinical decisions.

As from 15 June 2016, NDHB is removing the EasyCheck test and replacing it with the:

**Replacement – Innovacon hCG Pregnancy Test**

*Can we have some of these*

The Innovacon hCG Pregnancy Test kits have been quality tested and are now available for distribution from Central Stores.

The Innovacon hCG Pregnancy Test procedures have been updated on the Clinical Knowledge Centre.

Urine pregnancy test results should always be interpreted in the context of clinical findings.

Where practicable, please send a blood sample to the laboratory for a plasma B-hCG level.

Please ensure that all staff in your department know that they must use the Innovacon hCG pregnancy test for urine pregnancy tests.

If the Innovacon hCG device fails, or gives unexpected results, please contact the Point-of-Care Testing Coordinator for advice. Send the urine sample and cassette to the laboratory and send a blood sample to the laboratory for plasma B-hCG testing.

**Any EasyCheck Pregnancy Test kits remaining in clinical areas are to be discarded**

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