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Auckland Region DHBs announce transition dates for Labtests

The Auckland Region District Health Boards (ARDHBs) are working in conjunction with Labtests and Diagnostic MedLab to ensure a smooth transition of the community laboratory service.

The new community laboratory service to be provided by Labtests, will be implemented in stages across the Auckland region.

Labtests will be responsible for all the collection, testing and reporting of community laboratory tests for each DHB areas on the following dates:

- Counties Manukau DHB on 10th August 2009
- Auckland DHB on 24th August 2009
- Waitemata DHB on 7th September 2009

On the same dates, DML will cease to provide community referred laboratory services for that particular DHB area.

Labtests will be fully operational and responsible for all components of community laboratory testing for the Auckland region on 7th September 2009.

The DHBs would like to emphasise that the public are still able to have their test samples taken where it is most convenient for them, regardless of the area they were referred from.

For tests that are required to be booked in advance, patients must have the tests done by the laboratory operating in the area in which they live.

More information on the transition will be provided in July and then closer to the start date for each of the DHB areas.

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