



## BIOCHEMISTRY TESTING UPDATE

### HbA1c Enhancement to Éclair Orders

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**Medlab Central Group**  
**HbA1c Enhancement to Éclair Orders**

<b>Change</b>	HbA1c Éclair Orders electronic requests now require an indication for testing on each patient	
<b>Reasons</b>	<p>As HbA1c is now used for diabetes treatment monitoring AND for diagnosis of type 2 non-gestational diabetes mellitus, it is important for the laboratory to know in which context the assay is being requested.</p> <p>This information will help ensure that appropriate testing is performed in line with New Zealand Society for the Study of Diabetes (NZSSD) guidelines.</p> <p>In addition, previous HbA1c results will be available on the Éclair Orders request screen to help decision making and to ensure that unnecessary testing is avoided.</p> <p>The laboratory will also be able to offer more accurate advice on those patients where HbA1c may not be appropriate for diagnosis or monitoring.</p>	
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