

Clinical Directorate of Laboratory Medicine, Beaumont Hospital			
Q-Pulse Doc No:	Memo98	Date of Issue	25 th September 2020
Vitamin D Testing			

MEMORANDUM

Originating Department Directorate of Laboratory Medicine

Issued By: Dermot McBrierty, Laboratory Manager

Issued To: All General Practitioners

Subject: Vitamin D Testing

Details:

Dear Colleague

From October 1st 2020 onwards the Chemical Pathology laboratory will be implementing the recommendations of the National Laboratory Handbook- Laboratory Testing for Vitamin D Deficiency. Testing will be reserved for specific patient groups with relevant clinical indications.

All Vitamin D test requests must be accompanied by relevant clinical details. Samples received with no clinical details will not be analysed.

Request forms will be checked for relevant clinical indications.

Testing will continue to be available for those with metabolic bone disorders and other relevant clinical conditions.

Vitamin D testing is not recommended in asymptomatic healthy individuals.

General screening of patient subgroups (e.g. nursing homes) or for health screening is not recommended.

Routine repeat testing is not required.

The guideline can be accessed at:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/pathology/resources/national%20laboratory%20handbook.html>

If you have any specific queries, comments or suggestions please contact us via dermotmcbrerty@beaumont.ie prior to 1 October

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Shari Srinivasan
Consultant Chemical Pathologist
MCRN: 016390

Mr. Dermot McBrierty
Laboratory Manager

NOTE: All memos issued from the Clinical Directorate of Laboratory Medicine must be recorded as active documents on Q-Pulse

Clinical Directorate of Laboratory Medicine, Beaumont Hospital			
Q-Pulse Doc No:	Memo98	Date of Issue	25 th September 2020
Vitamin D Testing			



NOTE: All memos issued from the Clinical Directorate of Laboratory Medicine must be recorded as active documents on Q-Pulse