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Axe the Fax!

<u>Recent advice</u> from the MoH and ACC regarding secure transmission of health data, includes information regarding the soon to become obsolete facsimile technology.

Pathlab, like other businesses have many workflows that use fax and we have been working hard to develop alternatives.

Request forms - Some clinicians / midwives fax through request forms for patients – the alternative now is to email the forms to <u>requestforms@pathlab.co.nz</u>. You can configure your multifunction printer to send PDF scans of request forms to this address. Please contact your IT supplier to configure this.

Using this email sends the requests forms directly to our administration team. The form is then sent electronically to the collection facility the patient has told you they visit (and you have indicated on the form). The patient likes this because they can be confident the form will be at the correct Pathlab facility.

Test Results - Pathlab continues to fax **results** to some clinicians / midwives. We are pleased to announce that we can now provide emailed reports in PDF format to those clinicians that don't have a practice management system that supports standard electronic result delivery. To sign up to receiving your patient reports via email contact us at support@pathlab.co.nz

If you require more information about moving away from fax, please don't hesitate to contact us via our website at http://pathlab.co.nz/Contact-Us

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