



## Change To Treponema Pallidum Particle Agglutination (TPPA) Reporting

Please note that from **23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015** the TPPA component of treponemal testing will no longer be reported as a titre but instead will simply be reported as reactive or negative.

This change follows discussion with Sexual Health consultants in the region. The TPPA titre bears no relation to the severity, duration or the response to treatment of treponemal infection. Thus to avoid confusion in the interpretation of the result, it is thought optimal to simply report this result as reactive or negative.

This also brings Pathlab reporting of TPPA results into line with Waikato Hospital. The Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR) test reporting will remain unchanged.

Any questions pertaining to the interpretation of treponemal serology should be discussed with one of the Clinical Microbiologists or Sexual Health consultants.

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