



COVID-19 Swab Milestone



On Monday, 21st February, SA Pathology had officially conducted over 3 million test samples for COVID-19.

Since 2020, SA Pathology has remained at the forefront of South Australia's COVID-19 response and is committed to keeping the state safe.

Our response time remains under 12 hours from receipt in the laboratory.

SA Pathology is committed to innovative solutions, and this means that our approach to the virus has evolved.

The establishment of dedicated COVID-19 drop boxes for all healthcare networks and their families, new COVID-19 testing locations, and our decision to run drive-through testing sites have assisted SA Pathology in continuing to provide excellent service.

Rare Disease Day



Professor Maria Fuller (seated) and the team at the National Referral Lab.

Rare Disease Day takes place on the 28th of February and aims to raise awareness and support people worldwide living with a rare disease, as well as their families and carers.

The SA Pathology National Referral Laboratory (NRL) does wonderful work with these rare diseases, helping to diagnose them as early as possible so that patients may have the best possible chance at recovery or treatment.

Professor Maria Fuller and her team are at the forefront of innovation and have developed a test that is the first of its kind in the world.



Doctor Jennifer Saville with the Mass Spectrometer.

Using a Mass Spectrometer, they can identify each of the 10 subtypes of the mucopolysaccharidoses, (a group of rare metabolic disorders) in just one assay.

The team believes this development is a game-changer and one that will change lives for the better.

The Mass Spectrometer is key in delivering incredible patient care and means that babies and small children do not need to provide large volumes of blood, with the test for disease biomarkers using just .001 of a Millilitre of Plasma.

The machine is currently able to identify Gaucher Disease, Fabry disease, Metachromatic Leukodystrophy and Neimann-Pick Disease Type C. It also allows the NRL to help diagnose without the multitude of tests required previously, which were often long-winded and sometimes traumatic for the patient.



Medical Scientists L-R: Alexis Gerassimou and Jasmina Markulic.

Doctor Jennifer Saville, a Scientific Lead for the Laboratory, is one of SA Pathology's scientists currently working on expanding the method to aid with the diagnosis of even more rare diseases.

"We've got to remember that there are little babies, there are children and patients at the end of this so some of these diseases if we can get them diagnosed early enough there are treatments."

Thank you to Maria, Jennifer and the entire NRL team for the incredible work you do.

Congratulations Sonja Klebe



L- R: Peter Tighe, (Chairman of ADRI), Governor General David Hurley and wife, Her Excellency Linda Hurley, Associate Professor Sonja Klebe and Teresa Anderson (NSW Chief Health Executive).

SA Pathology is proud to announce the appointment of Associate Professor Sonja Klebe as the Research Director at the Asbestos Diseases Research Institute (ADRI).

Sonja is a Senior Consultant Anatomical Pathologist at Flinders Medical Centre Laboratory.

Sonja is an expert in the field, having concentrated on Asbestos-related disorders for the last 16 years, especially lung cancers and malignant mesothelioma's diagnosis and pathogenesis.

Associate Professor Klebe has a vast resume, including being an invited author for the new WHO classification of lung and pleural tumours, presenting at national and international conferences, and featuring in numerous peer-reviewed publications.

Please join SA Pathology in congratulating Associate Professor Sonja Klebe.

Vale Craig Beharrie



It is with great sadness that we announce the recent, sudden and unexpected passing of Craig Beharrie.

Craig will be known to many of our clients, especially those in the northern and eastern suburbs, for his friendly, courteous and efficient manner.

Craig started with IMVS as a Medical Courier in 2004 and was a valued member of the SA Pathology courier team. We mourn his loss and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family, colleagues and friends.

SA Pathology Results



Attention Clinicians: Did you know that you can save paper by receiving patient results electronically via iPath or EDI?

Both programs are an efficient way to provide high-quality care to your patient and help you save on paper!

iPath is a secure, browser-based interface. Receive your results in real-time with a secure login. It provides clinicians visibility of patient results on any internet capable device, regardless of who has requested the pathology testing.

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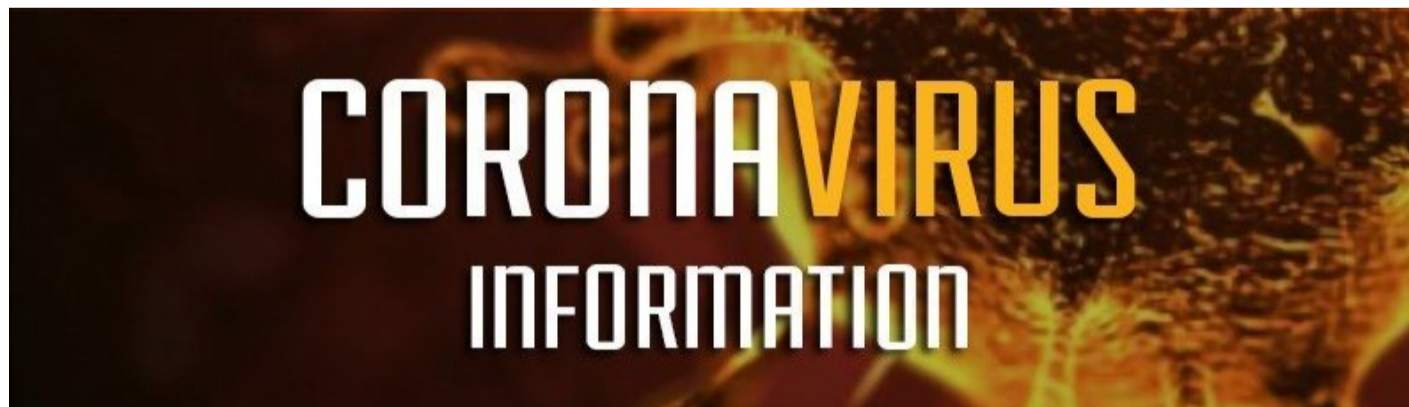
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Visit our COVID-19 webpage to find the latest information, health updates and resources on COVID-19.

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