

## SA Pathology Newsletter September 2021

### Junior Doctor of the Year Award



Congratulations to Dr Shihab Siddiquee, Registrar - Anatomical Pathology, who has been awarded Junior Doctor of the Year by SA Medical Education and Training (SA MET).

SA MET is the South Australian postgraduate medical education council who are responsible for accreditation of health services and junior doctor training. Criteria for the award include clinical performance, teaching, leadership, research, and rural contributions.

Dr Siddiquee says he chose to pursue a career in Anatomical Pathology during his prevocational training, recognising the critical importance of pathology in patient diagnosis and guiding management. He was drawn to Anatomical Pathology because it provides the ability to see a wide variety of patients' cases from many different specialties. He also enjoys the varied and interesting workload it offers, such as skin and renal biopsies where clinicopathological correlation may be required.

Dr Siddiquee says he is grateful for SA Pathology's positive training culture and staff who are generous with their time.

### Rapid Antigen Testing commences in South Australia



This week SA Pathology commenced offering voluntary Rapid Antigen Tests to truck drivers who have not been fully vaccinated or do not have evidence of a negative COVID-19 result taken within 72 hours of arrival in South Australia.

Rapid Antigen Test swabs are collected in addition to the standard COVID-19 PCR swab at our 24-hour regional and border testing sites located at Tailem Bend and Yamba.

While Rapid Antigen Tests provide rapid results, there is a risk of false positive and false negative results. As such, SA Pathology has implemented strict testing protocols, requiring all rapid results to be verified with the 'gold standard' PCR test.

We are grateful to the Australian Trucking Association for their support in establishing this initiative, and to the many truck drivers who have undergone testing this week.

### Traveller Clinic now open



SA Pathology now provides pre-travel COVID-19 testing for persons travelling overseas at our dedicated Traveller Clinic located on Frome Road, Adelaide.

We offer PCR only (nose/throat), serology only (blood) and PCR + serology testing.

- PCR only \$140
- Serology only \$50
- PCR + serology \$190

All persons travelling overseas are required to show proof of a negative test result before being granted entry to any country. The [smartraveller](#) website outlines the different testing requirements for each country.

The Traveller Clinic operates by appointment only, Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm, and Saturday 8.00am to 12.00pm.

[Book a pre-travel COVID-19 test](#)

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## New laboratory is one step closer



A new purpose-built facility housing SA Pathology's main laboratory is one step closer following the release of an advance tender notice on Monday 20 September.

SA Health released the notice to the open market, inviting expressions of interest to build a new state-of-the-art laboratory in the CBD's Health and Biomedical Precinct.

The new state-of-the-art facility, first announced in April 2020, is a significant investment in SA Pathology's future that will enable optimised throughput, efficiency, logistics and digitisation of imaging.

Over the past three years SA Pathology has demonstrated significant performance improvement as well as a clear commitment to quality care, innovation and sustainability.

SA Pathology Clinical Service Director Tom Dodd said the new headquarters will promote even further innovation across the service.

"The new central laboratory will provide the opportunity to enhance existing clinical and research partnerships and ultimately achieve a more responsive and efficient pathology service," he said.

The new facility will be located in close proximity to the Royal Adelaide Hospital and new Women's and Children's Hospital, with expected completion in 2026.

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## New Collection Centres



On Monday 27 September, SA Pathology opened a new collection centre in the Rosewater Family Practice, operating Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Just this month SA Pathology has opened three new collection centres and we have another four centres opening in the coming months, servicing communities in the Adelaide Hills as well as metropolitan and regional areas.

Thank you for making SA Pathology your first choice for affordable, quality, comprehensive diagnostic services in South Australia, we are proud to be part of your local community.

If you would like more information about the services we provide, please call a member of our business team to discuss your needs.

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# CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

SA Pathology has been at the forefront of the response to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Our team of dedicated clinicians, scientists, technicians, nurses and support staff are working 24/7 to ensure the health and wellbeing of all South Australians.

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

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