

New lab service for Wairarapa

You may have heard that Wairarapa is making some changes to its laboratory service.

From 1 November 2015, Wairarapa, Hutt Valley, and Wellington will unite their lab services.

This will increase efficiency and collaboration of lab testing across the region to increase the funding available for patient health services. Lab equipment will be upgraded at Wairarapa Hospital as well as the public hospitals in Hutt Valley and Wellington. A new, state of the art lab is being built at Wellington Regional Hospital that will process some of the lab tests for Wairarapa patients.

The integrated service will be provided by Wellington SCL, which has provided lab services in New Zealand for about 50 years.

From November, the lab test collection centres will have new signs, logos, websites and phone numbers. This information will be advertised closer to the time.



Most changes are happening behind the scenes. There are no changes to:

- **the number of collection centres, and their opening hours**
- **the people working in the collection centres**
- **the current fee structure for lab tests**
- **arrangements for patient repeat cards**
- **our commitment to excellent patient service and quality.**

Want to know more?

Talk to your GP or nurse, or access the 'Lab Services' section under the 'Services' tab on our website:
www.huttvalleydhb.org.nz

