

New lab service for Hutt Valley

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

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

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

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

From November, you'll see new signs and logos at the lab test collection centres, however 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 serial cards**
- **websites and phone numbers**
- **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

