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**Cessation of Infrequently Requested Tests**

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In a recent of test utility discussion and revision of Dynamic Function Test (DFT) protocols with Endocrine Teams, it is noticed that some DFTs have not been requested by clinicians in PWH for more than five years. After discussion with major clinical users, PWH Chemical Pathology will cease to provide the following tests starting from 1 April 2012 onwards:

- (1) High-dose Dexamethasone Suppression Test (HDDX);
- (2) Xylose Absorption Test; and
- (3) Plasma Lipase (plasma amylase is still available at PWH, AHNH and NDH).

For AHNH and NDH, HDDX will still be available locally for use by endocrinologists only. In addition, Combined Low-dose Dexamethasone Suppression with CRH Stimulation Test for the confirmation and aetiological investigation of Cushing's syndrome will replace HDDX. For updated DFT protocols, please visit [iChemPath@PWH](mailto:iChemPath@PWH).

Our department will continue to monitor the clinical utilization of tests and update our test panels for service enhancement.

Thank you for your continuous support and kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

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