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**To:** All COSs  
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### Quantitative Lactate Determination in Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF)

For better service provision, the quantitative determination of lactic acid in cerebrospinal fluid (CLAC) will be provided by the Department of Chemical Pathology at Prince of Wales Hospital and the Department of Pathology at North District Hospital where neurosurgical service is located.

Please note the following arrangements with effect from **4<sup>th</sup> October 2005 (Tuesday) 9:00 am**:

- (1) Contact the Duty Biochemist for test booking.
- (2) CLAC is available on Generic Clinical Request System (GCRS) or paper-form request.
- (3) The specimen should be collected in a fluoride bottle and send to your local Urgent / Emergency Laboratory **in ice** immediately after collection.
- (4) Please note that CSF glucose determination can be performed on the same specimen only if it were requested at the same time.
- (5) For requests from AHNH, the test will be transported to NDH Chemical Pathology Laboratory for analysis. Please arrange your own courier transportation during after-office hours.

If there is any query on the above arrangements, please contact our Duty Biochemist at 2632-2331, or page through PWH Operator at 2632-2211 for discussion.

You are most welcome to use our new service.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Prof CWK Lam

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