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No-filing of RCH Pathology Results

Since the 1st July, RCH Pathology reports have not been filed in the medical record. This has produced substantial savings in storage and staff time for filing. Overall support for this has been very positive.

Selective non-printing of RCH Pathology results

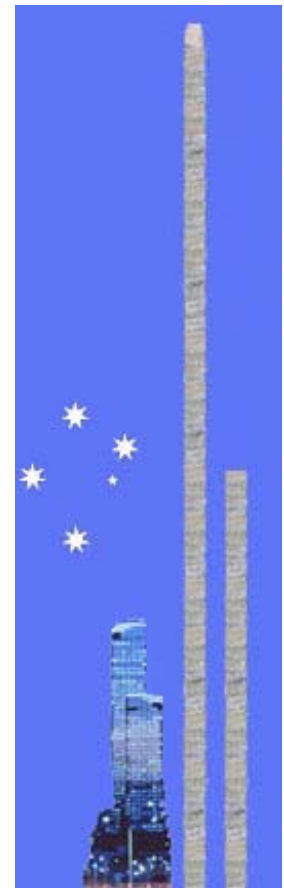
Results are no longer being printed for several clinical areas including Emergency, PICU, NNU, and soon for Oncology. Many other areas have requested the same approach.

RCH Pathology Reports – no printing for inpatients

From January 1st 2009, results will no longer be printed routinely for current inpatients.

RCH Medical Imaging results – no longer printed

Medical imaging results are no longer being printed for RCH inpatients or outpatients. The Dept will still print or fax reports when requested for any patient.



Rialto Building & paper filing generated by RCH each year, and progress with reducing this.

Summary of position from 1st January 2009

RCH Pathology results will be printed only for outpatients.

No other results will be routinely printed for Pathology or Medical Imaging.

Results for patients referred for tests from private rooms will still be printed/faxed as per existing arrangements.

Secure disposal of results

Please remember that RCH Pathology and Medical Imaging Results should not be sent to Health Information Services for filing

These paper results may be retained for use in clinicians own records, or **disposed of in secure bins / shredded.**

If you do not have adequate secure disposal in your area – please contact Environmental Services on extension 5277 and they will assist you.

CLARA News

The CLARA Steering Group will be reconvened to consider enhancements to the program such as electronic result notification, and online test ordering.

Please give us any comments on this project, either now or as it is progressively implemented. You can do this using the feedback form at http://www.wch.org.au/genmed/staff.cfm?&doc_id=12039

From the Reduced-Paper-Reporting Steering Group

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