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Feedback on No-filing of RCH Pathology

Since the 1st July, RCH Pathology reports have not been filed in the medical record.

Feedback to the steering group has been very positive. Negative comments have mostly been related to slow PCs in some clinical areas making access to CLARA difficult. ICT staff are currently looking into this. Also several areas have asked that they do not receive any printed reports.

Move to No-filing of RCH Medical Imaging results

From 1st October Medical Imaging results will be treated the same as those for RCH pathology – ie they will be printed and sent to clinicians but will not be filed in the paper record.

Commencement of selective non-printing of results

Following discussion with the relevant departments, centralized printing and distribution of results will cease for the following situations:

- Patients in ICU
(when the result has already been printed on a blood-gas analyzer or trickle printers)
- Current inpatients in the NNU
- Current inpatients under respiratory medicine.

This selective approach to non-printing will be extended in coming months to other areas who are interested in no longer receiving large bundles of reports every week.

Let us know if that might be you! (<http://www.wch.org.au/genmed/feedback.cfm>)



*Rialto Building &
paper filing generated by
RCH each year*

Summary of position from 1st October 2008

Paper results for RCH Pathology and RCH Medical Imaging results will no longer be filed in the medical record.

This is for RCH Pathology and Medical Imaging results only - results from other departments (e.g. Cardiology, Neurology, Respiratory, VCGS, etc), and results sent to you directly from outside providers, will still be filed on paper in the record at this stage)

Results will no longer be printed for inpatients in PICU, NNU, and under respiratory Medicine.

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 & Tips

1. The CLARA inactivity auto log-off period has been extended to 30 minutes for all users.
2. CLARA is available off-site to authorized users via VPN.

To get VPN access, complete the form at:
http://www.wch.org.au/genmed/staff.cfm?&doc_id=12039

VPN can also be used to access other systems, such as the Radiology Synapse application

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

Membership details at http://www.wch.org.au/genmed/staff.cfm?&doc_id=12039