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## **SPECIMENS FOR ROTAVIRUS TESTING – CESSATION OF ROUTINE TESTING**

**19/12/16**

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Labtests and Northland Pathology Laboratory recently consulted on a proposed change in service for rotavirus testing in the community.

To view consultation document go to Northland Pathology website [www.norpath.co.nz](http://www.norpath.co.nz) and select 'For Referrers'. See Lab Update 1/12/2016

### **OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION**

**The decision has been taken to limit testing for rotavirus to those requested by the public health service as part of outbreak testing or otherwise under exceptional circumstances after discussion with the clinical microbiologist.**

**The change will be effective from 1st January 2017**

Our decision was based on feedback from public health, paediatric infectious diseases and general practitioners.

All responders were supportive of this change.

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