

Blood Monitoring for Biologic Infusions

Please see below for information on blood tests required for each biologic infusion treatment:

- **Rituximab infusions**

You will need a blood test before your day 1 infusion.

Please contact the Blood Hub to arrange this at least 2 weeks before your infusion date.

- **Belimumab infusions**

You will need a blood test before each infusion.

Please contact the Blood Hub to arrange this at least 2 weeks before your infusion date.

- **Infliximab and Tocilizumab infusions**

Your blood test will be taken and updated on the day of your infusion.

- **Abatacept infusions**

Your blood test will be taken and updated on the day of your infusion.

If your blood results are not stable, we will contact you and may require a repeat blood tests and we may have to delay your infusion.

✓ If you do not hear from us, your blood results are satisfactory and your infusion will go ahead as planned.

Arranging your blood tests

It is the patient's responsibility to ensure blood tests are completed on time.

For biologic blood tests:

- Please contact the Blood Hub on 01224 555177 to arrange an appointment
- Inform them that Rheumatology has requested your blood tests