

Reference Range Project

Dear Colleague

This is an invitation to volunteer in a research project to help develop normal values for the blood tests provided by the LTH Blood Sciences Laboratory.

We need to update the reference ranges of commonly used laboratory blood tests. To do this we require healthy volunteers to donate blood samples.

This study will be used to assess the ranges at Leeds Teaching Hospitals as well as other hospitals in Yorkshire. This is important as different methods are used in different hospitals which can lead to critical differences. Nowadays many patients have their blood samples measured in their local hospital laboratory whereas their care may be elsewhere. We aim to study what impact these different methods have on such diverse analyses as cholesterol, diabetes and kidney function as well as ensuring that drug doses are correct.

We are inviting any healthy people to take part in our study. You must be over 18 years of age, not breast feeding or pregnant and not suffering from any serious medical condition such as diabetes, cancer or heart disease.

If you think you might like to take part in the study, please contact us so that we can discuss it with you and arrange a time for you to come to our testing centre. For more information and a copy of the participant information leaflet, you can contact the investigators using the information below, or visit the project website at:

<http://www.pathology.leedsth.nhs.uk/pathology/RampD/YorksReferenceRangeProject.aspx>.

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