

Specialised Collection Services

Venesections, autologous transfusions, bone marrow

Clinpath Laboratories offers an extensive pathology collection service which includes not only the collection of blood samples but also **therapeutic venesections, autologous blood collection** and storage for transfusion, **bone marrow biopsies**, fine needle aspirates, and **cardiology services** including ECGs, Holter monitors and 24 hour Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring.

We are also accredited under the Australian Standard (AS/NZS 4308:2008) for collection of chain of custody urinary drug screens.

Our full-time medical practitioner, **Dr Michael Speedy**, has a particular interest in the management of patients requiring therapeutic venesections, and is also responsible for our autologous transfusion collections. Together with our haematologists, Dr Speedy is also available for bone marrow biopsies.

Therapeutic Venesection Services

- Therapeutic venesections are indicated for specific conditions including haemochromatosis, polycythaemia and porphyria cutanea tarda
- Venesections are performed under the supervision of Dr Speedy
- Monitoring of blood results and frequency of venesections at your request
- Assistance with the management of conditions requiring venesection if requested
- All venesections and associated pathology tests are bulk-billed

Venesection clinics are held at the following patient centres:

Adelaide CBD	Level 2 Wakefield Clinic 270 Wakefield Street Monday/Tuesday/Friday: All day Wednesday/Thursday: AM only
Ingle Farm	4/15 Roopena Street Wednesday: PM only
Mount Barker	Shop A, 13 Gawler Street Thursday: PM only

Venesection referrals can be made on a Clinpath Laboratories request form and marked '**For the attention of Dr Speedy**'. Venesection is by appointment only.

Autologous Transfusion Service

Autologous blood collection is performed at our Adelaide CBD collection centre at Level 2 Wakefield Clinic, 270 Wakefield Street by appointment only. Clinpath Laboratories will collect, test, and store the patients own blood prior to surgery.

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Bone Marrow Biopsy Service

Samples are sent routinely for morphology, immuno-phenotyping (on-site flow cytometry), cytogenetics and histology. Molecular testing is available by special arrangement through our colleagues in Sonic Genetics.

For patients with private health insurance, we can provide the following:

- All bone marrows performed under IV sedation in day procedure units/theatres.
- Urgent cases, in most circumstances, can usually be performed within 24 hours of request.
- If required, we can coordinate with surgeons to perform the procedure at the same time as other surgery (e.g. lymph node biopsies).

- Clinpath will organise the appropriate hospital and anaesthetic booking in consultation with the patient and referring doctor and can be arranged in any of Adelaide's private hospitals.
- Prompt turnaround time for results.
- No cost to the patient; the procedure and associated pathology is bulk-billed, or charged directly to the patient's health fund, with no out of pocket expenses for the patient.

For patients without private health insurance: If assessed as suitable, we can perform bone marrow procedures under local anaesthetic at our main our Adelaide CBD collection centre located at Level 2 Wakefield Clinic, 270 Wakefield Street with no out of pocket expenses.

Please call Dr Michael Speedy directly on 0410 221 490 to discuss and/or make a booking.



Dr Michael Speedy BM BS (Hons)
Medical Director, Pathology Collection Services

Dr Speedy trained at Flinders Medical Centre and has extensive experience in out-patient collection procedures. He has worked previously in Queensland in Medical Procedures as well as in Emergency Medicine and Critical Care. Dr Speedy is a member of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and is part of our expert team of experienced and dedicated medical staff that includes clinicians as well as pathologists. He works closely with our consultant haematologists, Dr Lakshmi Nath, A/Prof Nick Wickham and Dr Shriram Nath, and with our Collections Manager, Angela Walsh, RN.

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