



# SEARCH 3X IS COMING TO FAIRFIELD HOSPITAL

## TESTING PERIOD

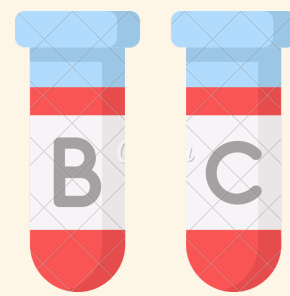
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## WHAT IS SEARCH 3X?

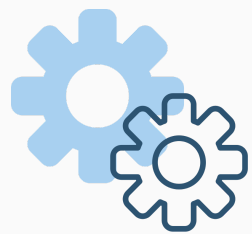
A pilot clinical service involving automated, universally offered hepatitis testing in the Emergency Department (ED) setting. Fairfield Hospital is the first of six public hospital EDs to implement the pilot service across NSW Health.

## WHO WILL BE TESTED?

Adult emergency patients who have a biochemistry tube collected as part of routine clinical care.



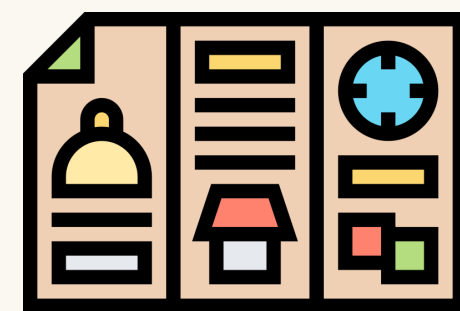
## HOW WILL PATIENTS BE TESTED?



Testing is automated by an IT solution that adds HCVAb and HBsAg tests to the existing blood test order. No additional blood collection is required.

## PATIENT INFORMATION

Multi-lingual patient information will be available in the ED in paper and electronic forms. An audio-visual clip will be advertised via the hospital social media platforms.



## FOLLOW-UP OF POSITIVE PATIENTS



Positive patients will be followed-up by the Liverpool hepatology team. We will visit in-patients, and contact those who have been discharged from hospital. Notification of positive result will be communicated back to the treating medical team. Supplementary testing of positive patients may be conducted while in hospital to aid in linkage to care and treatment.



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## STAFF EDUCATION

Emergency clinician and JMO in-services will occur in March.

## PROJECT OVERSIGHT & CONTRIBUTORS

The project is governed by a Project Steering Committee and Aboriginal Reference Group and has strong support from SWSLHD Chief Executive Amanda Larkin and Ministry of Health.

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