



Frequently Asked Questions

about changes to access to laboratory results

1. What is LEAP?

From early May (Sunday 3 May) the Lakes Eclair Access Project (LEAP) will allow Lakes hospital clinicians and general practitioners in the community to access a file containing Lakes district residents' past and future laboratory results in a timely fashion.

2. Why is Lakes DHB implementing the LEAP project?

- To improve quality and safety of care through access to all available clinical information
- Save time by providing clinicians faster access to information
- Prevent patients from undergoing further tests
- Cost savings resulting from reduced duplicate testing

3. What laboratory results will be included?

The Bay of Plenty Eclair clinical data repository is being used for the LEAP project. This repository or shared file contains past and future Bay of Plenty and Lakes DHB hospital and community results.

4. Who will be able to view laboratory results?

Authorised clinicians in Lakes, Bay of Plenty and Waikato DHBs will be able to view laboratory results for patients under their care.

5. What do I need to know as a patient?

Clinicians who order tests have a responsibility to communicate with their patients about the way in which information is shared. The information to be provided to you as a patient will vary and will depend on the type of test involved.

Essentially the change is that laboratory tests can now be accessed by other clinicians who are involved in your care. Information is shared to improve the quality and safety of your care and to prevent you from having to undergo further tests.

6. What do you need to do if you don't want your laboratory information to be shared?

You can choose not to have your information shared via this service. If this is the case, as a patient you need to be aware that other clinicians who are involved in your care will not have access to all information. This could have some impact on your treatment and care or it could result in you having to repeat some laboratory tests. You should discuss this further with your GP.