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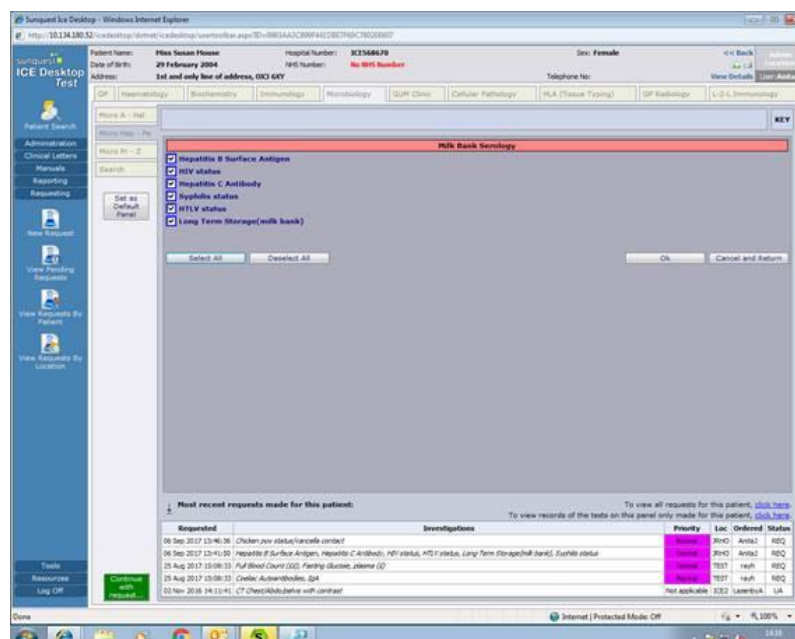
### Oxford Human Milk Bank: donor screening

To whom it may concern,

\_\_\_\_\_ has kindly agreed to donate some of her breast milk to the Milk Bank in Oxford.

This letter is to ask you to take some blood from her, on my behalf, so that it can be screened.

I require all the following tests please – **Hep B surface antigen, Hep C antibody, HIV antibody, Syphilis antibody, HTLV antibody and long term storage** all sent with an appropriate request form to the local Microbiology Laboratory. Blood should be collected in an appropriate serum separation vacutainer tube, and one full tube should be sufficient for all the tests. (Oxford requires a yellow top vacutainer.) If required, we can send our own Microbiology bag and vacutainer for samples to be taken, to then be sent to the John Radcliffe Hospital directly or collected from the donor's home by our volunteer blood bikers. If you are an Oxfordshire GP requesting on ICE, please request all these tests via the heading 'milk-bank serology'. It will appear on the microbiology panel (top tab) under the Micro Hep – Pr' page (side tab).





If your Practice is unable to request all of the above tests, please inform your patient, or inform me directly, as this may result in a delay in her becoming a milk donor.

These are routine screening tests, and are of no more significance than the routine screening of donated blood. As with blood donation no counselling precedes the screening and no declaration is necessary on insurance forms.

Once the blood has been taken I will contact the Microbiology Laboratory or the doctor's surgery to receive a copy of the results to go on the donor registration file here in the Milk Bank, unless you can request for the results to be sent directly to me.

If the results all come back negative the donated milk can then be pasteurised and used within the Neonatal Unit.

I hope that this information is satisfactory; please ring me for anything further.

Yours sincerely,

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