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Dear Dr KELLY

PFAS -Voluntary Blood Testing Program

Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology, as a member of Sonic Healthcare group, is authorised to provide testing for this program. Attached is the pre-printed request form.

The Australian Government is providing a free blood test for *Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances* (PFAS) for people who live or work, or who have previously lived or worked, in the Williamtown, NSW and Oakey, QLD, investigation areas and who have potentially been exposed to PFAS.

The Australian Government is aware that some non-government organisations are promoting blood testing for PFAS to the communities surrounding PFAS contaminated sites, such as Williamtown, NSW and Oakey, QLD. From 30 November 2016, any blood testing that is conducted outside of the parameters of the Voluntary Blood Testing Program arrangements will not be funded by the Australian Government

Eligibility for Testing

Eligibility for testing under this program should be discussed with those seeking a blood test in the context of possible exposure pathways. For further information on exposure pathways and information to discuss with individuals seeking a blood test please refer to the factsheets Voluntary Blood Testing Program for PFAS – Advice on PFAS for GPs (health.gov.au/PFAS) and Pre-test consultation advice for GPs (health.gov.au/PFAS). People eligible for a single free blood test under this program include those who:

- currently live or work in the Williamtown, NSW and Oakey, QLD, investigation areas, OR
- have previously lived or worked in the Investigation Areas of Williamtown and Oakey but now live elsewhere.

Where individual consent is given, the PFAS blood test results from these areas may be used as part of an epidemiological study to improve the understanding of the potential health effects relating to PFAS exposure. Please refer to the factsheet below for more information on the Epidemiology Study: *Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS): an epidemiological study* (<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ohp-pfas.htm#factsheets>).

The Voluntary Blood Testing Program will run concurrently with the epidemiological study and free blood testing will be available to eligible individuals until 31 March 2018.

Yours sincerely

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Further information on the Voluntary Blood Testing Program, including information on how to access the program is available in the following Factsheets (Links correct as 14 March 2017):

- [Voluntary Blood Testing Program for PFAS](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/1BD420CE5651940ACA2580790004DF7D/$File/Factsheets-blood-testing-advice-consumers.pdf) - PDF 103 KB
- [FAQs - Voluntary Blood Testing Program for PFAS](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/1BD420CE5651940ACA2580790004DF7D/$File/FAQ-Blood-testing-advice-consumers.pdf) - PDF 200 KB
- [Voluntary Blood Testing Program for PFAS: Advice on PFAS for GPs](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/1BD420CE5651940ACA2580790004DF7D/$File/PFAS-advice-GPs.pdf) - PDF 97 KB
- [Voluntary Blood Testing Program for PFAS: Pre-test consultation advice for GPs](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/1BD420CE5651940ACA2580790004DF7D/$File/Pre-test-advice-GPs.pdf) - PDF 94 KB
- [Voluntary Blood Testing Program for PFAS: Post-test consultation advice for GPs](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/1BD420CE5651940ACA2580790004DF7D/$File/Post-test-consultation-advice-GPs.pdf) - PDF 107 KB
- [Voluntary Blood Testing Program for PFAS: Program information for GPs](http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/1BD420CE5651940ACA2580790004DF7D/$File/PFAS-program-info-GPs.pdf) - PDF 110 KB