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## **URGENT – ACTION REQUIRED TODAY**

### **RECALL of 70ml Formalin Container**

Dear Practice Manager and Clinical Team,

Pathlab is recalling three batches of 70ml formalin pots because of possible contamination.

Our Histology Department has identified a potential issue with these batches. Initial investigations indicate that foreign material may be present in the pots, which could contaminate specimens.

#### **AFFECTED BATCH NUMBERS**

- 736458
- 736459
- 736460

No other batches appear to be affected at this stage.

#### **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW**

- Check all your current stock of 70ml formalin pots, including stock in treatment rooms, procedure areas and storage.
- Remove any pots from the affected batches from use immediately.
- Return all affected pots to Pathlab using the normal courier system.
- Make sure all staff who collect histology specimens are aware of this recall.

#### **REPLACEMENT STOCK**

We will send replacement stock urgently to keep disruption to your service to a minimum.

We recognise the potential clinical risk this poses. We are treating the matter with the utmost seriousness and are working closely with our supplier to investigate.

Thank you for acting on this promptly. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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Kind regards,

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