

# mainliner

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## Easter Opening Hours

GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER SATURDAY	EASTER MONDAY
14th April Closed	15th April Open (New Plymouth only) 9-11am	17th April Closed

## Anzac Day Opening Hours

MONDAY	ANZAC DAY – TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
24th April Open	25th April Closed	26th April Open

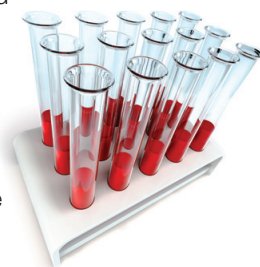


## ESR vs CRP

**Taranaki Medlab is processing considerably more ESRs than other laboratories in New Zealand.**

CRP is the preferred test when investigating a possible inflammatory or infective disorder and requesting both CRP and ESR is rarely appropriate. The exception is in the initial presentation of suspected giant cell arteritis (temporal arteritis) when both should be requested.

ESR has limitations in that it is also affected by the haemoglobin and plasma protein levels, and increases with age. The CRP has distinct reference ranges with no variation for age or gender, and is more sensitive to subtle changes in the acute phase response.



## RETIREMENT

We had a long standing staff member retire in March, **Karen Curd** worked in our histology department for 32 years! We wish you all the best Karen – enjoy your retirement.



Have a happy and safe  
Easter. Enjoy your eggs!  
From all the staff at  
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