

Dear Dr
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Practice:
Address:
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AFFIX PATIENT LABEL HERE	
UR:	
Surname:	
Given Names:	
Birth Date:	Sex:

The above named patient has been placed on waiting list for elective joint replacement surgery.

Please organise the following for this patient:

- Blood tests:**
 - FBE & reticulocyte count**
 - Iron studies (including ferritin) & CRP**
 - Renal function (eGFR)**
 - Vitamin B12 and folate if risk factors for deficiency (e.g nutritional, malabsorption).
Additional tests may be added on to existing specimens (eg B12/folate, TFTs, LFTs) in patients with unexplained anaemia or macrocytosis depending on the clinical context.
- Follow-up of any results that need attention or specialist referral including anaemia and/or iron deficiency.** Refer to the 'Preoperative haemoglobin assessment and optimisation template' overleaf (reprinted from Australian Family Physician).
- Optimisation of other significant medical conditions and lifestyle factors** in preparation for major surgery.
- Forward results** (unless SA Pathology/IMVS) & correspondence to the Orthopaedic Nurse Practitioner.

This is to ensure patients are optimised well in advance of elective surgery and any required specialist referrals are initiated.

Kind Regards,

