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To Colleagues in CCGs in England

Dear Colleagues

Re: Acute Kidney Injury Warning Stage Test Results in Primary Care

April will see the introduction of new reporting of warning stage test results for acute kidney injury arriving in general practice, via GP IT systems. This is a development from NHS England as a result of a new national algorithm being developed and implemented in pathology labs across the country.

The impact for practices is relatively small in that a practice can expect to receive one or two alerts per GP per month in their practice. But the impact for patients is great. Being made aware sooner of raised serum creatinine blood results which indicate impaired kidney function, means that acute kidney injury can be detected and treated sooner with an improved outcome for the patient.

Recognising this change will present a challenge for practices, Think Kidneys has created a series of resources for primary care. The development of these resources has been led by GPs in the team and a range of experts to ensure they provide the latest and best information for tackling acute kidney injury. The resources include good practice guidance in publications and easy to use materials and are all available at <https://www.thinkkidneys.nhs.uk/aki/resources/primary-care>. Resources are also online for pharmacists, community services and commissioners.

We would be grateful if you could disseminate the flyer attached to this email to your CCG GP practices to raise awareness of the changes among GPs, practice nurses and managers. We will be undertaking an awareness raising campaign over the next two weeks so that practices can prepare, and your support in promoting this will be very valuable.

Yours sincerely

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