LUNGS AT WORK

OEM Laboratory Service

The mission of the Department of Occupational and Environmental Respiratory Disease at Imperial College is to understand the distribution and determinants of workplace diseases with an aim of preventing them.

The Occupational and Environmental Medicine (OEM) Laboratory is unique within the UK for providing a bespoke service to assist in the accurate diagnosis of occupational lung diseases. Additionally, we are dedicated to advancing occupational medicine through ongoing research into and the development of diagnostic assays, all aimed at delivering practical and relevant diagnostic solutions to patients.



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SERVICES

Specific-IgE testing (ImmunoCAP)

Specific-IgG testing (ImmunoCAP)

Specific-IgE to bespoke allergens*

IgG precipitins testing*

Beryllium Lymphocyte Proliferation testing

Aeroallergen air sampling, measurement and analysis

*please contact Jen Canizales to discuss your bespoke testing needs.

NEWS

Sam joined us as our lab technician in July 2024 after six years at a Forensic Toxicology lab. She brings her expertise in bespoke analytical assays, we are very happy to welcome Sam to the team!

Jen Canizales is collaborating on a project with Dr Elaine Fuertes to improve allergy tracking by measuring airborne grass allergens. Featured on CBS News–watch here: <u>www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=nKSUYicC6sw</u>

This March, supported by a Horizon Europe grant, Jen Canizales will visit Italy to train in spectrometry and other techniques to enhance airborne allergen analysis.

We are delighted that our lab once again achieved renewal of its ISO accreditation from the British Standards Institute this year.

Due to a rise in supplier prices, a 3.8% increase will be applied to our specific-IgE tests. These new prices will take effect on 1st April 2025.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any queries or for further information

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Our clinical service

The OEM laboratory also provides bespoke specific IgE allergen testing for patients referred to the occupational lung disease NHS clinical service at the Royal Brompton Hospital, London.

We are happy to see people who have or may have:

- a lung condition that has been caused by their work,
- a lung condition that is making it difficult to work or find work,
- breathing difficulties related to the wider environment outside work.

We are also happy to advise about workplace surveillance.

We accept referrals from any healthcare professionals. To make a referral please email us at OCLDAdmin@rbht.nhs.uk and visit our website <u>www.lungsatwork.org.uk/clinical-services/healthcare-professionals</u>

You can also email us for clinical advice at OCLDAdvice@rbht.nhs.uk



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