



## Requests for personal copies of pathology results

With support of the guidelines of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA), Melbourne Pathology believes the primary relationship in the diagnostic process is between the referring doctor and the patient.

**We strongly recommend you discuss your results with your doctor to ensure correct interpretation and to facilitate your appropriate medical care, regardless of whether results are normal or abnormal.**

In compliance with the Privacy Act, a copy of your results is available on request. The following process applies:

- Requests must be accompanied by a signed 'Patient authority to release results' form which will be kept on file for reference.
- Results will not be released until your own doctor has had an adequate opportunity to initially review them: a two week delay from completion of the final test may be expected.
- The referring doctor will be notified of your request.

A copy of the 'Patient authority to release results' form can be found on our website [www.mps.com.au](http://www.mps.com.au) under FAQs for patients.