

Foreword

Queensland Health has a commitment to providing high quality health care to patients throughout the State. The Handbook for the Collection, Storage and Transport of Pathology Specimens in Rural and Remote Queensland was originally funded by the Queensland Health Quality Improvement and Enhancement Program (QIEP) through the Rural and Remote and Pathology Quality System Program Areas and in 2007 The Clinical and Workforce Directorate – Northern Area Health Service.

The Handbook for the Collection, Storage and Transport of Pathology Specimens in Rural and Remote Queensland is a companion handbook to the Primary Clinical Care Manual and Chronic Disease Guidelines. The main purpose of the Handbook is to provide quality guidelines for pathology investigations for rural and remote health staff.

I encourage all staff to use the Handbook for the Collection, Storage and Transport of Pathology Specimens in Rural and Remote Queensland, Primary Clinical Care Manual and Chronic Disease Guidelines to ensure that people living in rural and remote Queensland receive quality health care and their pathology investigation meets the best possible standards.

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