

SAQ 2

You are checking pathology results when you come across a positive chlamydia result. The pathologist has flagged that this is a notifiable disease.

1. What action should you take? (5 marks)

Recall the notes

Ascertain whether the patient is aware

Contact the patient and organise for appropriate treatment, advice on barrier precautions, further screening and treatment of sexual partners (may be via GP)

Notify the Communicable Diseases Department for further action/contact tracing

Document all actions in patient notes

2. Give three other examples of incidents that require mandatory reporting in the ED (5 marks)

May include: Child sexual or physical abuse, elder abuse,

incompetent/negligent/substance-abusing/mentally ill (in some jurisdictions)

colleague, death during anaesthetic, death in care, death without clear natural cause.