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Swift transportation of samples speeds up turnaround time for urgent test results

When Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, based in the London Borough of Hackney, identified problems meeting turnaround times on urgent test requests from Accident and Emergency (A&E), the solution was to install the rapid transport system Tempus600®.

Since the introduction at the hospital, the Tempus600® transport system has had a considerable impact on laboratory turnaround times which, in turn, has had a positive effect in breaches of the four-hour waiting time in A&E due to diagnostic delays within pathology have become almost non-existent.

Quick and easy transmission

Implementing the system into the daily work flow was a simple transition. Staff quickly became used to the system and they made very few mistakes. Therefore, it was possible to continue the normal day-to-day services whilst implementing the new routines.

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The challenge

To meet turnaround times on urgent test requests from Accident and Emergency.

The solution

To install the rapid transport system, Tempus600®, dedicated to quick transportation of small clinical samples.

The benefits

- Reduced turnaround time on blood samples
- High quality samples
- A good investment

