Before you compare two results: units and methods

Use with two reports, or one report with two dates. Check every marker before reading any change between the dates. This sheet does not interpret results: it only checks that two numbers can be put side by side.

1. The two dates

	Date 1	Date 2
Lab		
Date and time collected		
Fasting		
Specimen		
Footnotes about method or unit changes		

2. Marker by marker

Marker	Date 1: value, unit, method	Date 2: value, unit, method	Same unit?	Same method?	Same interval?	Ready to put side by side? What first?

3. Checklist

☐ Same specimen ☐ Same unit, or converted with the factor written down ☐ Same method (read the footnotes)
☐ Same lab interval ☐ Same time of day and fasting state

4. Questions for the lab or your clinician