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TO:	High Prairie Clinical Staff
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RE:	Cessation of Transfusion Associated Antibody Screens at High Prairie Health Complex

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Key Message

- Due to instrumentation failure of the Capture R Workstation, transfusion medicine testing at High Prairie Health Complex will be required to be forwarded and tested at the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital (GPRH).

Background

- The Capture R Workstation in the laboratory at High Prairie Health Complex is utilized to perform antibody screens for transfusion medicine testing prior to provision of red cells.
- The cell washer portion of the workstation has had multiple component failures requiring repair or replacement that will take an undetermined period of time.

How this will impact you

- Turn around time for transfusion medicine testing will increase due to the necessity of routing to GPRH for testing.
- Once testing is complete, Electronic crossmatch of elibigle units at High Prairie will continue, but units that require serologic crossmatch may result in delayed receipt of routine blood products.
- Unmatched units are still available for emergent use.

Effective

- **Immediately**

Questions/Concerns

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