

DATE:	2022 April 18
TO:	Area 3 North Sector Physicians, Healthcare Providers, Laboratory Staff
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RE:	Change to Area 3 Fetal Maternal Screen Testing

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Key Message

- Due to low test volumes and low staffing levels, effective **April 18, 2022, samples collected for Fetal Maternal Screen tests from Area 3 hospitals** will be sent to Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton for testing.
- Impact to turnaround times for reporting results will be minimal.

Background

- Area 3 Fetal Maternal Screen samples were analyzed at Bonnyville lab. Current staffing levels do not support the testing. This change enhances the lab's ability to maintain 24/7 operations.
- All sites provide an initial dose of Rh Immune Globulin to RhD Negative mothers who are eligible after postnatal testing.

How this will impact you

- Result delivery will follow the same process as for other referred out testing. Results will not be available in Meditech. Refer to Netcare.

Action Required

- No change in ordering.

Questions/Concerns

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