

DATE:	15 October 2024
TO:	Clinical Adult/Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Physicians and Nurses, Immunodeficiency Physicians, Physicians and Healthcare providers at Lethbridge Regional Hospital and Medicine Hat Regional Hospital
FROM:	James Maruca, Flow Cytometry Supervisor: Calgary Zone
RE:	Flow Cytometry Mitogen Stimulation Assay (MSA) and Lymphocyte Activation Marker (LAM) Testing – Reduced Lab Function/Capacity

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Key Message

- The Flow Cytometry Laboratory (South Sector) will be unable to process Cell Culture testing October 13 – 27, 2024
- Samples will not be processed for MSA and LAM testing from October 13 – 27, 2024.
- Regular scheduled testing will resume on Monday, October 28, 2024

Background

- Mitogen and Lymphocyte Activation Marker testing is processed once per week and takes several days to process. Due to CO2 Incubator downtime, testing will not be available for the weeks from October 13, 2024 – October 27, 2024.

How this will impact you

- MSA and LAM testing will not be available October 13, 2024 – October 27, 2024

Action Required

- **Do not** collect or send samples for MSA or LAM testing to the Flow Cytometry Department from October 13, 2024 – October 27, 2024

Effective October 13, 2024

Questions/Concerns

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