

<b>DATE:</b>	27 May 2024
<b>TO:</b>	Brooks Health Center Physicians and Nursing Staff
<b>FROM:</b>	South Zone Laboratory Services
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Brooks Cell Count – Body Fluid Routing Changes</b>

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### Key Message

- Body fluid samples collected at the Brooks Health Center for cell count analysis will be routed to Medicine Hat Regional Hospital (MHRH) for testing. Currently, all other tests ordered on body fluids are routed to an alternate testing site.

### How this will impact you

- If a cell count - body fluid is ordered at the Brooks Health Center, routing to MHRH may lead to an increase in the result turnaround time.

### Action Required

- Continue to order cell count – body fluid as usual. LIS routing changes will be made to reflect the new testing site.

**Effective**      **Immediately**

### Questions/Concerns

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