

DATE:	12 June 2023
TO:	Ordering Providers at SZE Sites (Bassano Health Center, Brooks Health Center, Bow Island Health Center, Medicine Hat Regional Hospital, and Oyen Big Country Hospital)
FROM:	Medicine Hat Regional Hospital Hematology Department
RE:	Discontinuation of Flow Cytometry Specimen Screening Prior to Referral

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Key Message

- Specimens for Flow Cytometry/LEU/Loma testing (FLOWBLD2) will no longer be pre-screened at the site of collection prior to referral of the samples to Calgary FMC Flow Cytometry.
- The ordering code has changed from FLOWBLD2 to **FLOWBLDRO**.
- The new orderable for peripheral blood Flow Cytometry will provide labels for the appropriate samples to be collected and referred directly to Calgary FMC Flow Cytometry according to the test requested and sample requirements provided on the completed Flow Cytometry requisition.

Background

- This decision allows SZE sites to come into procedural alignment with the rest of the South Zone.

How this will impact you

- Ordering/Collecting staff will now use the **FLOWBLDRO** code to order.
- Ordering staff must ensure the Flow Cytometry Requisition is completed to ensure the required tubes/samples for the test requested are collected and the testing is completed.

Action Required

- Ensure applicable staff are aware of the changes.

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Questions/Concerns

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