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To: Central, Calgary, and South Zones: All Physicians, Nursing Managers, Nursing Educators, Nurse Practitioners, and Clinical Nurse Specialists
From: Tracey Gwilliam, Manager – Hematology, South Sector, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
Re: Discontinuation of Glass 3.2% Sodium Citrate Tubes

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Key Message:

- Effective **immediately**, blood collected for coagulation studies should be collected in plastic 3.2% Sodium Citrate tubes.

Background:

- Previously used glass 3.2% Sodium Citrate tubes are no longer being manufactured.

How this will impact you:

- Only plastic 3.2% Sodium Citrate tubes are available.

Action Required:

- Use plastic 3.2% Sodium Citrate tubes.

Questions/Concerns:

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