

DATE:	17 April 2023
TO:	All South Zone Clinicians and Nursing Staff
FROM:	Chinook Regional Hospital Laboratory
RE:	Fixative Change for Gastrointestinal (GI) Biopsy Specimens

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Key Message

- All gastrointestinal (GI) biopsies must be fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin.
- Discontinue use of IBF fixative for GI biopsies.

Background

- All GI biopsies were collected in IBF fixative. Best practice is to collect GI specimens in 10% neutral buffered formalin (NBF).

Action Required

- GI biopsy specimens must be collected in 10% neutral buffered formalin (NBF).
- Order #0015575 Container Specimen Formalin 10% 60mL.
- Discontinue use of IBF fixative for GI biopsies submitted to Anatomical Pathology.

Effective

- April 17, 2023

Questions/Concerns

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