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To: Central Zone Physicians and Nursing Staff
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Re: Phoning Community D-Dimers

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Key Message:

- The Laboratory Departments in the former Central Zone will no longer be communicating elevated community D-Dimer results to the ordering physician by phone.

Why this is important:

- Currently, there are multiple processes for testing and reporting D-Dimers throughout the former Central Zone. To standardize with the province and Connect Care the phoning of elevated community D- Dimers will be discontinued.

Action Required:

- Be aware that elevated community D-Dimer results will not be phoned to the physician's clinic or outpatient clinic. The ordering provider is responsible or their designate is responsible for reviewing and acting on the results as clinically indicated.

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