

DATE:	28 November 2022
TO:	Lethbridge Community Physicians & Clinical Staff
FROM:	Chinook Regional Hospital Laboratory
RE:	Temporary Laboratory Testing Changes in Lethbridge

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Key Message

- Staffing shortages at the Chinook Regional Hospital (CRH) laboratory have resulted in challenges in meeting the demand for routine testing volumes.
- Routine community hematology samples collected in Lethbridge will be forwarded to Calgary for testing

Background

- CRH laboratory is unable to maintain consistent staffing due to vacancies and training demands.

How this will impact you

- No change to ordering.
- Routine community and outpatient hematology samples collected will not be visible in Meditech, however all other reporting mechanisms will continue (i.e., paper, POSP, Netcare). No change to reporting of other testing.

Effective

- Monday, November 14, 2022.

Questions/Concerns

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