

Date: September 15, 2015
To: North, Central and South Zones
Nurse Managers, Educators and Practitioners, and Laboratory Directors and Managers
From: AHS Laboratory Services
Re: Acetone test code change

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Key Messages:

- **Effective 22 September, 2015** there will be a new test code for Acetone, **ACON**, in North, Central and South Zones.
 - The test code ACET will no longer be available.

Why this is important:

- This change is to provide improved patient care. There were instances of improper test ordering with the old test code, including ordering acetone instead of acetaminophen. We hope to minimize/eliminate improper ordering of acetone, as it can lead to significant delays in patient care and unnecessary, labour intensive laboratory testing/follow-up.
- When ordering Acetone, please confirm order with physician. Acetone is a rare request, and should only be ordered in cases of acetone ingestion.

Action Required:

- When Acetone testing is required, please use the test code **ACON**.

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