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Laboratory Bulletin

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To: Calgary Zone Physicians, APL Calgary Zone Hematology Laboratory Departments From: Dr. Meer-Taher Shabani-Rad (Taher Rad), Section Chief Hematopathology, South

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Re: Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT) Reference Interval Adjustment

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Key Message:

• Effective July 9, 2019, the reference interval for PTT will be adjusted to 28.0–38.0 seconds (from 26.0–36.0 seconds) throughout the Calgary Zone.

- The sites affected include:
 - Diagnostic and Scientific Centre (DSC)
 - > Alberta Children's Hospital (ACH)
 - Foothills Medical Centre (FMC)
 - Peter Lougheed Centre (PLC)
 - Rockyview General Hospital (RGH)
 - South Health Campus (SHC)
 - Canmore General Hospital (CMGH)
 - High River General Hospital (HRH)
 - Strathmore District Health Services (SDHS)
 - Airdrie Community Health Centre (ACHC)
 - Cochrane Community Health Centre (CCHC)
 - South Calgary Health Centre (SCHC)
 - > Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre (SMCHC)

Why this is Important:

This adjustment will be indicated on patient reports and is due to a change in the reagent lot.

Action Required:

Please share this information with your staff.

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