

Date: April 6, 2017, 2017
To: Central Zone Nurses Managers/Educators/Laboratories Former DTH HCIS
From: AHS Laboratory Services
Re: Autoimmune Markers

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Key Messages:

- A new test code has been created in Meditech for testing to be referred from sites using the DTH HCIS to Mitogen Advanced Diagnostics Laboratory (MADL) in Calgary. The test code to be used for these tests is **AUTOIMM**.
- The frequency of requests for Autoimmune Markers has steadily increased however there was not a Meditech Order Code to reflect this demand.
- Testing for the Autoimmune Markers is routinely referred to MADL in Calgary and is ordered on a specific requisition.
- Collection and sample requirements will remain the same. Testing will be referred to Calgary via Red Deer Regional Hospital Laboratory.
- This change is effective immediately.

Why this is important:

- The test code **AUTOIMM** will ensure the required testing is ordered correctly in Meditech and that it is referred to the correct location for testing. One test code will cover all tests requested on the MADL requisition.

Action Required:

- Begin using the **AUTOIMM** test code when testing is to be completed at MADL.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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