

Date: June 10, 2014
To: All Zones
Physicians, Nurse Managers, Educators and Practitioners, Laboratory Directors and Managers
From: AHS Laboratory Services
Re: Availability of Autopsy Results in Netcare

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Key Messages:

- Routine autopsy results (adult, pediatric, neuropathology and perinatal) will be available on Netcare from all Laboratory Information Systems (LIS) effective June 19, 2014.
- The Calgary Zone Cerner LIS has been reporting Autopsy results to Netcare since October 31, 2013.
- Medical Examiner Autopsy results are excluded as under the Alberta Fatalities Inquiry Act, these cannot be released without the permission of the Chief Medical Examiner.
- In order for the Stillbirth Autopsies to be viewable/searchable in Netcare, the client must have an accessible Medical Report Number (i.e.: an assigned Unique Lifetime Identifier (ULI)).

Why this is important:

- Autopsy results form part of the overall patient Health Record. Availability of these results on Netcare helps to:
 - Ensure complete clinical information is available for every patient
 - Facilitate Morbidity and Mortality rounds
 - Support Clinical-Pathology Correlation

Inquiries may be directed to:

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For Netcare inquiries/issues please contact your local Help Desk

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