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To: Central, Edmonton and North Zone: Physicians, Laboratories, DynaLifeDx

From: AHS Laboratory Services – University of Alberta Hospital
Core Chemistry Lab and GLS North Biochemical Genetics Lab

Re: Completing Requisitions for Maternal Prenatal Screening

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Key Messages:

There continues to be an increasing number of illegible, incomplete, and inaccurate Maternal Prenatal Screen requisitions being submitted. Information requested on this requisition is used in the risk calculation and is crucial for accurate and timely screening. Part A is often left blank in error. The requisition can be found at <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-CH-1247.pdf>. See below to understand the details required on the requisition.

Action Required – Physicians and Ultrasound sites to complete:

- Maternal Weight – most recent
- Ethnic background – Review and confirm with patient. If Asian or East Asian, please specify ethnic origin/background (e.g.: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, India, Bangladeshi or Pakistani)
- Insulin dependent prior to pregnancy – Yes or No
- Cigarette Smoker – Yes or No
- Assisted Reproductive Technology - Yes or No. If yes, please specify what type. If IVF frozen egg/embryo, please specify the age of the mother or donor at the time of freezing.

Action Required - Sonographers:

- Before providing the patient with the requisition for blood collection, please ensure Part A and Part C are completely filled out with ALL information legible and accurate. Double-reading the requisition is a quality requirement and minimizes errors. This will avoid delays and / or cancelled screen tests.

Testing laboratory personnel cannot contact the patients directly for missing information.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

Biochemical Genetics Laboratory Genetic Counsellors at 780-407-7907

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