

Date: November 8, 2016
To: Physicians, Nursing and Laboratory Staff
From: AHS Laboratory Services – North Zone
Re: Free T3 Testing in the North Zone

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Key Messages:

- Effective November 22, 2016, Free T3 testing will be performed at Bonnyville HCC and QEII Hospital laboratories using the previously established provincial reference intervals.

Analyte	Testing Site	Age Range	Reference Interval
FT3 (pmol/L)	QEII, Bonnyville	4 d - 30 d	3.0 - 8.1
		31 d - 1 yr	2.4 - 9.8
		2 yrs - 6 yrs	3.0 - 9.1
		7 yrs - 11 yrs	4.1 - 7.9
		12 yrs - 17 yrs	3.5 - 7.7
		18 yrs - 150 yrs	3.5 - 6.5

Why this is important:

- Previously all FT3 testing in the North Zone was sent to Edmonton for processing. Having this testing performed in the North Zone at these two sites should greatly improve Turn-Around Time and positively impact patient care.

Action Required:

- None

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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