

Laboratory Bulletin

Date: April 6, 2015

To: All AHS Internal and External Clients, Physicians

From: AHS Laboratory Services – Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory

Re: New Requisition

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Key Messages:

In Jan 2015, a revised GLS South (Calgary) Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory requisition became available for use.

Why this is important:

In some instances, incomplete requisitions and/or labels covering up essential information on requisition are received by the lab. As per AHS Laboratory Services Acceptance of Laboratory Samples and Test Request Policy, Genetic Laboratory Services recognizes proper client identification and complete and legible test request/requisition information are essential for client safety and valid laboratory test results.

To ensure the integrity of the information provided on the test requisition, it is important not to obscure any information provided on the requisition by placing a secondary label over that information.

The revised requisition now includes a space at the bottom of page 1 where all additional labels should be placed so as to not obscure any information provided by the requestor that is documented on the requisition.

Action Required:

The revised form number/version number is 18522(2015-01)POS. All other versions should be discarded.

The revised Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory requisition is now on the Alberta Health Services website. It can be located using:

http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/8667.asp (Genetic Laboratory Services page)

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