

**Date:** August 06, 2014

**To:** South Zone – West  
Physicians, Nursing and Laboratory Staff at Raymond Laboratory

**From:** AHS Laboratory Services – South Zone West

**Re:** Implementation of Chemistry Analyzer (Ortho V350)

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**Key Message:**

- The Raymond laboratory is pleased to announce the addition of the Ortho Vitros 250 Chemistry Analyzer.
- This instrument was purchased with shared funding provided by the Raymond Ladies Auxiliary and Alberta Health Services. We are excited to move forward towards implementation and enhanced service to the community.
- Effective **August 12, 2014**, the current on site Chemistry test menu (Lytes, Creatinine, Urea and Glucose) at the Raymond Hospital Laboratory will be **expanded** to include:

Alkaline Phosphatase (ALP)	Total Bilirubin
Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT)	Alcohol
Creatinine Kinase (CK)	Acetaminophen
Calcium	Salicylate
Lipase	

- This is in addition to the tests currently performed on site and further aligns services with other rural facilities in South Zone.

**Why this is important:**

- Expanded test menu for Raymond doctors and patients, resulting in faster turnaround times.
- Test menu changes may impact clinical care decisions involving transportation of patients to Chinook Regional Hospital.
- New instrumentation will allow for results to be interfaced with the computer system, decreasing reporting time and potential manual resulting error.

**Action Required:**

- Please refer to the revised 'STAT ON SITE TEST MENU' for the complete listing of tests available in Raymond.

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