

Date: July 29, 2019
To: South Zone: Brooks Physicians, Nursing, Brooks Hospital Laboratory Staff
From: Brooks Hospital Laboratory – Alberta Public Laboratories (APL)
Re: Implementation of C-reactive protein (CRP) at Brooks Hospital Laboratory

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Key Message:

- Effective immediately, Brooks Hospital Laboratory will begin CRP testing on-site in order to better facilitate and support timely patient care.
- The reference range is <10 mg/L.

Why this is important:

- Previously, Brooks Hospital Laboratory referred CRP testing to Medicine Hat Regional Hospital.

Background:

- CRP will be tested on-site at the Brooks Hospital Laboratory using the Ortho Vitros. The turnaround time for results will be decreased as the sample no longer needs to be sent to Medicine Hat Regional Hospital for testing.

Action Required:

- Continue to order C-reactive protein on the laboratory requisition or via order entry using the test code **CRP**. No change to ordering mnemonics.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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