

Date: December 14, 2012

To: Central Zone – former DTHR Sites
Nurses, Laboratory Directors and Managers

From: AHS Laboratory Services

Re: Iron Testing (Iron, TIBC and Iron Saturation)

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Key Messages:

- New ordering, specimen collection and labelling procedures are required for iron testing by all sites that send specimens to the Laboratory, Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre. This is due to a temporary processing change within the Laboratory.
- ***The change will take effect December 18, 2012 at 10:00 am.***

Action Required:

The following steps need to occur:

1. When ordering the Iron Profile (Iron, TIBC, Iron Saturation Index), use the new test code **IRON1**.
 - The IRON1 test code will generate a separate label with a unique specimen accession number.
2. A separate collection tube for IRON1 is required. Affix the IRON1 test code label to the collection tube.
 - Sample collection has not changed. Please see the AHS Central Zone (former DTHR) Guide to Lab Services for details at: <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/3217.asp>
3. If a separate collection tube is not possible, pour off an aliquot. Affix the specific IRON1 label to the aliquot tube.

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