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To: South Zone East- Physicians, Nursing, Pharmacy, Primary Care Nurses and Laboratory Staff

From: AHS Laboratory Services- South Zone East

Re: New Heparin Therapeutic Range for Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT)

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Key Messages:

- **A new therapeutic range will be introduced effective Oct 17 as a result of new coagulation analyser implementation.**
- **Effective dates are phased as per below information**
- Oct 17 – Brooks, Bassano
- Oct 18 – Medicine Hat, Oyen
- Oct 19 – Bow Island
- South Zone East Laboratory has worked with pharmacy and nursing to implement this change.

New PTT Heparin Therapeutic Range will be 60 – 90 seconds.

- Heparin Weight Adjusted IV Policy and nomograms have been updated to reflect this change.

Action Required:

- Use new Heparin Weight Adjusted IV Protocol for all patients.

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