

Date: February 4, 2016
To: North Zone - All Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and Pharmacists (former Peace Country Health Region)
From: AHS Laboratory Services-North Zone
Re: New Requisition-North Zone

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Key Messages:

- The North Zone Laboratory Requisition has been revised so that the patient/physician demographic area now displays standard Alberta Health Services format . This revision consolidates two previous north zone requisitions into one in an effort to optimize and standardize (with the exception of the sites managed by Dynalife). We will work with POSP vendors to provide an on-line version of the form. Please contact ICC@albertahealthservices.ca for assistance. The form number is 19946 and was made available as of October 19, 2015.
- Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are issuing this bulletin after the requisition was placed into circulation. We apologize for any inconveniences this has caused.

Why this is important:

- Practitioners will have a standard and consistent demographic area on requisitions across the province. This is required to ensure appropriate information for patient identification.
- Laboratory test selection has been updated to include the removal of CI and CO2 as recommended by the provincial Laboratory Utilization Committee and the removal of less frequently ordered tests and to align with other zones' requisitions.
- Any tests not found on the requisition can still be ordered by writing them in the “**Tests Not Listed**” section.

Fasting Instructions for Patients:

- Fasting information can be found on the back of the two-sided form.

Action Required:

- Use up any current stock first.
- Continue to order North Zone Laboratory Requisitions as required; the new requisition will be sent as the old stock is depleted.
- Requisitions will be available in packages of 50. The new requisition should be ordered in small quantities as more changes will be coming March/April 2016, and as we continue to solicit feedback from clinicians/nurse practitioners across the zone.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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