

Date: September 23, 2016
To: South Zone West - Physicians, Nursing, and Laboratory Staff
From: AHS Laboratory Services - South Zone West
Re: Patient Instruction Sheets

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Key Messages:

- Effective September 26, 2016 Patient instruction sheets that are currently available for certain testing that is referred out will no longer be available to order from stores.

The following patient instruction sheets will no longer be orderable from stores:

1. 24 Hr Urine Collections:
 - 5 Hydroxy Indolacetic Acid (5HIAA)
 - Metanephrines, Catecholamines, VMA, Homovanilic Acid
 - Oxalate
 - Porphyrins
 - Trace Elements
2. Other Urine Collections: Urine – Chlamydia/GC
3. Stool:
 - Reducing Substances in Stool
 - Stool Collection – Fecal Fat – Quantitative
 - Stool Collection – Fecal Fat - Qualitative
4. Other:
 - Pinworm Collection

Why this is important:

- In order to ensure that the most current information is being provided to the patient for proper collection of sample(s).

Action Required:

- Refer to the Testing Listing available on AHS Insite [South Zone Test Directory | Alberta Health Services](#) and print patient instruction sheet provided by the referral testing laboratory.
- Remove and discard all paper copies that you may have at your facility as they are no longer current.

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