

**Date:** January 12, 2016  
**To:** Central Zone: Physicians, Nurses and Laboratories  
**From:** AHS Laboratory Services  
**Re:** Phoning All Positive Troponin Results from Community Patients – Central Zone

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### Key Messages:

- All positive troponin results from community patients in Central Zone will be phoned by laboratory staff to the ordering physician. This change will be effective **19 January, 2016**.

### Why this is important:

- Any concentration of troponin is considered significant and prompt medical attention may be required.
- Ideally, troponin testing should only be ordered on patients in an emergency department. However, this does not always occur and it has been determined that this new phoning process will better ensure positive troponin results on community patients will not be missed by the ordering physician.

### Action Required:

- If a community patient requires troponin testing, please ensure the ordering physician is available for receiving communication from the laboratory if there is a positive result.
- The cutoff for a positive troponin result varies by instrument used. Please contact your local laboratory, refer to the patient report or look in Netcare/EMR.

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