
Date: February 12, 2015

To: Medical Officers of Health Calgary Zone, Occupational Health Calgary Zone,
Emergency Departments Calgary Zone, Calgary Laboratory Services

From: Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (ProvLab)

Re: New SCM order for laboratory investigation of blood and bodily fluid exposure

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Key Message:

- Effective immediately, a SCM order for testing for common blood borne viruses is available in cases of investigation of blood and body fluids exposure (BBFE).
- The “blood and body fluids exposure” (BBFE) order can be used by physicians when taking care of BBFE cases including cases involving the Medical Officer of Health or Occupational Health.
- The use of the BBFE order will ensure that the serum sample will be promptly delivered to ProvLab Calgary.
- The use of the BBFE order will ensure that the tests for HIV (antigen and antibody testing combination), HCV antibodies, HBV surface antigen (HBsAg) and anti-surface antigen (anti-HBs) are all performed.

Why this is important:

- In dealing with decisions pertaining to post exposure prophylaxis, essential laboratory data must be obtained in a timely manner. The use of this order facilitates and ensures the prompt delivery and correct testing of the sample.

Action Required:

- When indicated, use the “blood and body fluids exposure” order in SCM; it can also be accessed under the acronym “BBFE”.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

The Virologist-on-call at

- Calgary Site – Phone: 403-944-1200 (ask for the Virologist-on-Call)

**This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by:
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