

Date: September 27, 2016
To: South Zone West- Physicians, Nursing, Pharmacy and Laboratory Staff
From: AHS Laboratory Services- South Zone West
Re: PTT for Heparin Therapeutic Range

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Key Messages:

- Effective October 19, 2016 implementation of new coagulation analyzers in South Zone West Laboratories will begin.
 - October 19
 - Chinook Regional Hospital
 - Cardston Hospital
 - October 25
 - Pincher Creek Hospital
 - Fort MacLeod Hospital
 - Crowsnest Pass Hospital
 - October 26
 - Taber Hospital
 - Raymond Hospital
 - Milk River Hospital
- **New PTT Heparin Therapeutic Range will be 60 – 90 seconds.**
 - Heparin Weight Adjusted IV Policy and nomograms have been updated to reflect this change.

Why this is important:

- During the implementation phase all PTT's for Heparinized patients will be performed at Chinook Regional Hospital Lab or Cardston Hospital Lab. This may lead to reporting delays. PTT testing will be transitioned back to each respective site once implementation is complete.

Action Required:

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

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