
Date: September 9, 2019
To: South Zone Physicians, Nursing Staff, Pharmacy Staff, and Laboratory Staff
From: Clinical Biochemistry, South Sector, APL
Re: Referral of Theophylline analysis to Calgary

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Key Message:

- Effective **September 19, 2019**, Theophylline specimens will no longer be analyzed at Chinook Regional Hospital (Lethbridge) or Medicine Hat Regional Hospital.
- Specimens will be referred to the Diagnostic and Scientific Center (DSC) in Calgary.
- Anticipated turnaround time is 24 hours.
- Results will be available in Netcare and Physician Office Systems (POS).

Why this is Important:

- With the availability of newer alternative bronchodilators, requests for theophylline analysis in the South Zone have decreased significantly.

Action Required:

- Order THEORO for all theophylline testing. Refer to the South Zone Test Directory for Theophylline.

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