

Date: January 7, 2016

To: South Zone West:
Physicians, Nursing Staff and Laboratory Staff

From: AHS Laboratory Services South Zone West

Re: Removal of Direct Bilirubin Reflex Testing

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Key Messages:

- Effective January 5, 2016, Direct Bilirubin testing will no longer be reflexed in the Meditech LIS system when the Total Bilirubin result is >20 umol/L (on patients greater than 5 months old).

Why this is important:

- There is no clinical significance in performing a Direct Bilirubin in these circumstances.

Action Required:

- Direct Bilirubin (BILD) may be ordered as a separate request as required.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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