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To: Central Zone - Red Deer, Ponoka and CCMHBI
Physicians, Nursing and Laboratories

From: Central Zone - AHS Laboratory Services

Re: On-Site Screening Panel for Drugs of Abuse in Urine - Oxycodone
replaces Phencyclidine (PCP)

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Key Messages:

- Phencyclidine (PCP) is a drug that is rarely abused or detected in laboratory testing.
- The “Opiate” test in the current on-site screening panel is not useful for the detection of “opioids” such as Oxycodone.
- Effective March 19, 2015, Oxycodone will replace PCP in the on-site screening panel used in Red Deer and Ponoka.

Why this is important:

- Effective March 19, 2015, the on-site screening panel for “Drugs of Abuse in Urine” in Red Deer and Ponoka will include testing for the following drugs: Amphetamine, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Cannabis, Cocaine, Ecstasy, Methamphetamine, Methadone, Opiate and Oxycodone.

Action Required:

- Be aware of the replacement of PCP with Oxycodone in the on-site screening panel.
- There is no change to the Meditech order code, i.e., continue to use DSUR1.
- Updated tables for the revised on-site screening panel listing the Analytical Sensitivity, Non Cross-Reacting Compounds, Detection Windows for Drugs of Abuse in Urine and Drug Cross Reactivity are available upon request from the Laboratory.

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