

Date: June 24, 2016
To: All South Zone East Physicians, Anticoagulation Clinic, Medicine Hat & Brooks Nursing Homes, Brooks Home Care, Pharmacists, Midwives
From: AHS Laboratory Services
Re: **Service Transition; Community Coagulation Testing (INR/PT & APTT)**

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Key Messages:

- **Effective July 11, 2016 Community** coagulation testing (INR/APTT) will transition from Medicine Hat Diagnostic Laboratory to AHS Medicine Hat Regional Hospital Laboratory and Brooks Health Centre.
- There is no change for patient collections. Please continue to send your patients to the usual location. If results are required by 1500, patients for INR monitoring should be encouraged to have their blood collected prior to noon.
- Continue to use the Medicine Hat Diagnostic Laboratory Requisition for ordering coagulation testing.

Report Delivery:

- **Forward Advantage** auto-faxing of coagulation reports will occur for non-electronic delivery physician offices, pharmacists and midwives between **1430-1500**
- **Electronic delivery** of reports will transmit at **0400,1200,1515**.
- **Broadcast reports** to Anticoagulation Clinic will print **upon completion of the test**.
- **Location reports** will be sent to those unit printers currently receiving paper report.
- **NetCare/Meditech EMR Reports** - are available **upon completion of the test..**

Why this is important:

- Coagulation report will change to AHS format.
- Critical values will be communicated by Medicine Hat Regional Hospital Hematology Department.
- Questions about results should be directed to Medicine Hat Regional Hospital Hematology Department (403-502-8648 ext 1540), Brooks Health Centre Laboratory (403-501-3230)

Action Required:

- No action required other than directing inquiries to AHS Laboratories in Medicine Hat and Brooks.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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