
Date: December 21, 2016
To: South East Zone All Physician/Physician Offices, Continuing Care Facilities/ Sexual Health Clinic/Public Health, SZE Nursing Units, Midwives, Community Pharmacists, South Zone Labs All Staff
From: AHS Laboratory Services
Re: South Zone East Lab Expansion: Changes to Referral Testing

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Key Messages:

- As part of the SZE Lab Expansion, there will be changes to where some referred out testing will be performed.
- There are no changes to the requisitions used to order testing. The Laboratory will automatically route the tests to the correct performing site.
- There is no change to patient collection locations.
- Reports will be provided by the Laboratory performing the test(s) via electronic, paper and/or Netcare.

Why this is important:

- There may be reference range changes depending on the performing sites methodology.

Action Required:

- Pay particular attention to reference ranges
- Notify the laboratory if you are missing any reports.

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