

Date: December 7, 2016
To: SZE All Physician/Physician Offices
From: AHS Laboratory Services - South Zone – Medicine Hat Regional Hospital Laboratory
Re: South Zone East Laboratory Expansion – Microbiology Pinworm Collection

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Key Messages:

- Effective December 15, 2016, the Pinworm collection container will change to a Starplex Paddle Collection Container.



Why this is important:

- The old (Petri Dish) style kits will no longer be available

Action Required:

Collection

- Use up the pinworm kits that you have in stock.
- The Starplex Pinworm Collection Kits will be sent out when supplies are ordered
- New patient instruction sheets will accompany the kits

Storage

- The sample must be refrigerated until delivery

Requisition

- Use South Zone Microbiology Requisition to order the test

Supplies

- Continue to use the Medicine Hat Diagnostic Laboratory Requisition for ordering collection supplies

Rationale:

- Pinworm testing will transition from Medicine Hat Diagnostic Laboratory (MHDL) to Medicine Hat Regional Hospital on December 15, 2016. The Starplex Pinworm Collection Kit is the collection container used by SZE MHRH for this test.

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