

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 Post Vasectomy Semen Analysis

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Key Messages:

- **Effective December 19, 2016, Post Vasectomy Semen Analysis will be transitioned from Medicine Hat Diagnostic Laboratory to Medicine Hat Regional Hospital Laboratory**

Why this is important:

- Patients must drop off samples at Medicine Hat Regional Hospital 3rd Floor Laboratory window between 08:00 – 14:00 Monday to Friday from Dec. 19, 2016 forward
- MHDL patient instruction sheets will be used
- Reports will change to AHS format
- Information/questions should be directed to the appropriate site

Action Required:

- Instruct patients to take samples to (MHRH) Medicine Hat Regional Hospital 3rd floor Laboratory from Monday – Friday from 08:00-14:00 to the Transfusion Medicine Window
- Give the patients the Instruction Sheet for Post Vasectomy collection.
- Use the South Zone Laboratory Requisition
- Continue to use the Medicine Hat Diagnostic Laboratory Requisition for ordering collection supplies

Rationale:

Microbiology testing is transitioning from the Medicine Hat Diagnostic Laboratory (MHDL) to the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital (MHRH) laboratory. Semen for Post Vasectomy samples will be processed at MHRH starting Dec. 19, 2016.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/zones/page11683.aspx>