

**Date:** December 19, 2014

**To:** South Zone – West  
Physicians and Nursing Staff at Chinook Regional Hospital  
ALL Laboratory Staff

**From:** AHS Laboratory and Cardio-Respiratory Services – South Zone (West)

**Re:** Fluids for pH Analysis

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**Key Messages:**

- pH Fluid analysis is currently performed by Cardio-Respiratory Services.
- Effective, January 6, 2015, the Chinook Regional Hospital Laboratory Chemistry department will be performing pH analysis on Pericardial and Pleural fluids.

**Why this is important:**

- Streamline fluid analysis within the Laboratory for patients.

**Action Required:**

- Pericardial and Pleural fluid samples must be hand delivered to the Laboratory immediately for analysis. Do NOT send on Pneumatic Tube System (bullet).

**Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:**

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