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To: South Zone - East
Physicians, Nurses, Laboratory Staff

From: AHS Laboratory Services - Medicine Hat Regional Hospital Laboratory

Re: Discontinuation of Nasal and Stool Testing for Eosinophils

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Key Messages:

- Due to the lack of requests and difficulty of interpretation, the laboratory at Medicine Hat Regional Hospital will no longer perform testing for eosinophils on nasal and stool samples.
- The lab will continue to test for eosinophils in urine samples for interstitial nephritis.
- Testing for eosinophils on a urine sample will continue to be ordered using the Meditech code **EOSSM** (Eosinophil smear).
- The only option for specimen type will be urine.
- Collection and transport requirements remain the same.

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