

Date: September 25, 2013

To: South Zone East
Physicians and Nurses
South Zone
Laboratory Directors and Managers

From: AHS Laboratory Services – South Zone East

Re: HBA1C Resumed Testing

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Key Messages:

- Commencing Tuesday October 1, 2013 Hemoglobin A1c testing will once again be performed at Medicine Hat Regional Hospital Laboratory.
- Testing will be performed on a daily basis with results available electronically.

Why this is important:

- HBA1C Testing has been referred out to Lethbridge Regional Hospital Lab since November 2012. This practice will be discontinued as the testing will be performed at MHRH Laboratory once again.

Action Required:

- The local Meditech test code for Hemoglobin A1c's (HBA1C) has been reactivated. Please use this test code when ordering Hemoglobin A1c testing.
- The referral test code HBA1CRO has been inactivated.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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