

Date: April 29, 2013

To: South Zone East – Brooks Health Centre
Physicians, Nursing and Laboratory Staff

From: AHS Laboratory Services

Re: Rapid Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing

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Key Messages:

- The rapid HIV Pilot has come to a close and we would like to thank the Brooks facility for participating in the pilot project.
- AHS Laboratory Services is implementing rapid HIV antibody testing in the designated acute care facilities listed below:

Zone	Laboratory Sites
North Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen Elizabeth II Hospital (Grande Prairie) • Bonnyville Healthcare Centre (Bonnyville) • Northern Lights Regional Health Centre (Fort McMurray)
Edmonton Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey Nuns Community Hospital • Misericordia Community Hospital • Sturgeon Community Hospital • Royal Alexandra Hospital • University of Alberta Hospital
Central Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Deer Regional Hospital
Calgary Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid HIV testing is currently available in this zone
South Zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinook Regional Hospital (Lethbridge) • Medicine Hat Regional Hospital (Medicine Hat)

- Additional information about Rapid HIV testing can be located at the following link:
<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/7861.asp>

Why this is important:

- Effective April 2, 2013, HIV processing/testing at the Brook Health Centre will revert back to Routine HIV testing.

Action Required:

- Brooks Health Centre Laboratory will collect and process HIV requests via the Routine process.

For additional questions contact:

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