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To: South Zone – West
South Zone Physicians, Nursing Unit Managers, ALL Laboratory Staff

From: Chinook Regional Hospital, Gross Laboratory

Re: Process Change to Optimize Delivery of Pathology Sample to the Laboratory

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Key Messages:

- With the implementation of Vantage, a new positive patient identification bar-coding system, the Chinook Regional Laboratory will be adopting a one piece sample flow process.
- Review the updated Chinook Regional Hospital Laboratory Guide to Services which outlines appropriate sample collection and delivery for Tissue for Routine Histology.

Major changes:

- Patient samples and corresponding requisitions will not be separated from one another
- Various sizes of biohazard bags and adhesive sealable pouch (for the sides of large containers) will be made available for ordering

Action Required:

Step	Action	
1	Collect sample from patient for Pathology testing.	
2	Label container(s) and requisition according to the provincial Acceptance of Laboratory Samples and Test Requests (Sample Acceptance) policy.	
3	If a case is comprised of...	Then...
	One or more container(s) that will all fit in a single biohazard bag	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put all containers in the same biohazard bag • Put requisition in outer pocket of the bag
	Multiple containers that will not all fit in a single biohazard bag	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divide the containers between the required number of biohazard bags • Put requisition in outer pocket of one of the biohazard bags • Write 1 of x, 2 of x as appropriate (for the total number of bags) on the side of the bags
	Multiple container(s) that will not all fit in biohazard bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put all containers that will fit, into biohazard bags • Larger containers do not need to be placed in biohazard bags • Put requisition in outer pocket of one of the biohazard bags • Write 1 of x, 2 of x, 3 of x as appropriate (for the total number of bags and larger containers) on the side of the bag(s) and container(s)
	One or more container(s) that will not fit in biohazard bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger containers do not need to be placed in biohazard bags • Put adhesive pouch on the side of one of the containers • Put requisition in the pouch • If more than one container, write 1 of x, 2 of x, 3 of x as appropriate (for the total number of containers) on the side of the containers



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