

Date: December 11, 2013

To: South Zone - West
Physicians, Nursing Unit Managers, Laboratory Directors and Managers

From: AHS Laboratory Services and Calgary Laboratory Services

Re: Transition of Special Coagulation Testing to Calgary Laboratory Services (CLS)

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Key Messages:

- Effective December 20, 2013, the Hematology department at Chinook Regional Hospital Laboratory will discontinue Special Coagulation testing for:
 - Lupus Anticoagulant
 - Factor VIII
 - Factor IX and
 - Prolonged PTT Investigation
- These tests will continue to be available but will be referred to Calgary Laboratory Services.
- The current test codes “LUP”, “F8A”, “F9A”, and “PTTPI” will no longer be orderable in Meditech.

Action Required:

If ...	Then order ...
Lupus Anticoagulant is required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LUPRVV (Lupus Type Inhibitor) in Meditech and submit a completed CLS Special Coagulation Lupus Type Inhibitor History Form (CLS #SC4901) • CARDAB (Cardiolipin Antibody) in Meditech if required. Must be ordered separately.
Factor VIII, Factor IX, and/or Prolonged PTT Investigation is required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HEMS (Hemostasis Study) in Meditech and submit a completed CLS Special Coagulation Hemostasis Screening History Form (CLS #SC4900)

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