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To: **South Zone – West**
Physicians and Laboratory Staff

From: AHS Laboratory Services – South Zone (West)

Re: Urine Drug Screen Methodology Change

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Key Messages:

- Chinook Regional Hospital Laboratory has altered its Urine Drug Screen methodology as of April 25th, 2013.
- The new method aligns across the Zone and offers an enhanced reporting profile.
- There is no change in ordering process.

Why this is important:

- The new method offers a wider range of reportable elements, outlined within Table 1.1, and illustrated in bold type.

Table 1.1

Constituent	Historical Method	New Method
Acetaminophen	Present but Not Reported	NOT Reportable *
Amphetamines	Reportable	Reportable
Barbiturates	Reportable	Reportable
Benzodiazepines	Reportable	Reportable
Cocaine	Reportable	Reportable
Methadone	Reportable	Reportable
Methamphetamines	Reportable	Reportable
Opiates	Reportable	Reportable
Phencyclidine	Reportable	NOT Reportable **
THC	Reportable	Reportable
Tricyclic Antidepressants	Reportable	Reportable
MDMA	NOT Reportable	Reportable (new)
Oxycodone	NOT Reportable	Reportable (new)

NOTES: * Acetaminophen is performed on the Vista Platform.

** Phencyclidine is not available locally by this method; it is available by referring out.

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