



Memorandum

Date: September 18, 2015
To: Calgary and South Zone Physicians
From: Calgary Laboratory Services
Re: Anti-Cyclic Citrullinated Peptide (Anti-CCP) Antibody Testing

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Key Messages

- Effective October 1, 2015, anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide (anti-CCP) antibody testing will be done at the CLS Diagnostic and Scientific Centre.
- Tests will be performed daily from Monday to Friday with expected turnaround times of 72 hours.
- Other specialized testing will continue to be referred to Mitogen Advanced Diagnostic Laboratories (MADL).

Importance/Impact

- The new anti-CCP method is a second generation chemiluminescent microparticle immunoassay which is comparable to the previous method.
- The new anti-CCP cut off will be: **<5.0 U/mL (negative)** and **≥5.0 U/mL (positive)**. The previous method had a cut off of <30 CU (negative) and ≥ 30 CU (positive).
- For patients currently monitored with anti-CCP results, a new baseline will need to be established.

Action Required

- Please note the changes regarding the reporting units and reference ranges.

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