



Memorandum

Date: April 20, 2016
To: Calgary Zone Physicians
From: Dr. Ethan Flynn – Clinical Section Chief, General Pathology, CLS
Re: **Availability of ECG Reports in Netcare**

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Key Messages:

- As of April 13, 2016, the reports of most electrocardiograms (ECG) performed in Calgary Laboratory Services (CLS) Patient Service Centers (PSCs) are available for viewing in Netcare.
- Only interpretations provided electronically by readers will be available in Netcare. ECG reports that are not produced electronically will continue to be accessible only by hard copy.

Importance:

- Historical reports will be available on a go forward basis. Previous ECGs will not be uploaded into Netcare.
- CLS does not receive final reports from readers who provide hard copy interpretations. These reports will not be available in Netcare
- Reports post daily into Netcare at 12:00 and 22:00.
 - reports confirmed between 22:01 – 11:59 (next day) are available at 12:00 posting
 - reports confirmed between 12:01 – 21:59 (same day) are available at 22:00 posting
- CLS Lab Information Center can be contacted at 403-770-3600 for copies of ECG reports if required before posting time
- Medical professionals will have more timely access to ECG reports performed at CLS PSCs. Electronic availability of these reports will enhance the quality of patient care and serve to improve utilization of services.

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