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**Date:** September 30, 2016  
**To:** Calgary Zone Physicians  
**From:** Dr. Ethan Flynn, Clinical Section Chief, General Pathology  
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**Re:** **Discontinuation of Distribution of Beta hCG Kits to Physician Offices**

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**Key Messages:**

- Effective November 1, 2016, CLS will no longer provide Beta hCG pregnancy test kits to community physicians.

**Importance/Impact:**

- Physician offices will need to obtain Beta hCG kits from other suppliers.

**Background:**

- Since control of these kits is not maintained by CLS, CLS cannot be responsible for quality control, traceability and viability which can directly impact diagnostic accuracy. This can result in patients receiving inaccurate results.

**Action Required:**

- None

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