



# Memorandum

**Date:** October 12, 2016  
**To:** Referral Sites, All Immunologists, All PSC's, RRL Accessioning  
**From:** Christine Hopkins, Flow Cytometry Supervisor  
**Re:** **Mitogen Testing – Permanent Change to Testing Schedule**

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**Key Messages:**

- Effective the week of October 31 - November 4, 2016, the Flow Cytometry laboratory will be permanently changing their Mitogen testing schedule.

**Importance/Impact**

- Samples need to be collected and shipped to the CLS Flow Cytometry laboratory to arrive on **Wednesday**. The Mitogen assay will now be set-up on **Thursday**. See schedule below:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1			<b>Mitogen samples received</b>	Mitogen assay set-up	----->		
Week 2	----->	T and B cells harvested					

**Background:**

- In the past, some weeks with statutory holidays required the Flow Cytometry department to cancel Mitogen testing.
- By modifying the testing procedure and changing the assay set-up day to Thursday, weeks with statutory holidays will have minimal to no impact on the Mitogen testing schedule.

**Action Required:**

- Starting the week of Oct 31 – Nov 4, collect and send samples to arrive for Mitogen testing on Wednesday November 2, 2016. This schedule will remain in effect for all future testing.

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