



# Memorandum

**Date:** October 13, 2015

**To:** Referral sites, All Immunologists, All PSC's

**From:** Christine Hopkins, Flow Cytometry Supervisor

**Re:** Mitogen Testing - Change to Testing Schedule for Remembrance Day week

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**Key Messages:**

- Due to the Remembrance Day holiday, the Flow Cytometry laboratory will be closed Wednesday, November 11, 2015.
- Do **not** collect or send samples for Mitogen testing to the Flow Cytometry Department for the week of November 2-6, 2015
- Regular scheduled testing will resume the week of November 9-13, 2015.

**Background/Impact:**

Mitogens are collected the week before and processed on the Friday. They are a functional test so they incubate and are harvested the following week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Since Flow Cytometry will be closed Wednesday, November 11, no harvesting and testing will take place so the test will not be set up for the week of Nov 2-6. The lab is open Friday, so samples will be collected and processed that week.

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

**Action Required:**

Do **not** collect or send samples for Mitogen testing to the Flow Cytometry Department for the week of November 2-6, 2015.

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