

# Memorandum

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**To:** AHS Calgary Zone – All Clinical Managers, All Acute Care Sites

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**Re:** Samples in MEDQUEST Evacuated Prevac<sup>®</sup> Containers No Longer Processed at CLS

## Issue

Body fluid samples collected in the MEDQUEST Evacuated Prevac<sup>®</sup> plastic thoracentesis/effusion collection containers are not appropriate for diagnostic testing; safety and results are compromised. Samples sent in Medquest Evacuated containers will not be processed by CLS.

<b>Not acceptable container for lab sample</b>		
Item #	CONTAINER	Supplier
294555	EVACUATED PREVAC 600ML	S55120- MEDQUEST MEDICAL



## Action

**Provide diagnostic samples in a sterile container which can be opened safely and effectively following collection, e.g., an orange top urine container, up to a maximum of 100mls. We will accept a maximum of 3 orange top containers. Thank you!**

**Acceptable container  
for diagnostic lab  
sample  
(example)**



## Questions?

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