



Memorandum

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To: PADIS and Calgary Zone ED Departments
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Re: **Tricyclic Antidepressant (TCA) Serum Screens**

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Key Messages:

- Effective Jan 1, 2016, all Tricyclic Antidepressant Serum Screen testing will be sent to the University of Alberta hospital in Edmonton.
- Very few TCA screens are ordered in Calgary; sending the test to Edmonton will be a more effective use of resources.

Impact:

- TCA screens will no longer be available STAT
- Expected turnaround time will be 48-72 hrs
- Patient results will be available first in Netcare with paper report to follow

Action required:

- The CLS Guide to Laboratory Services has been updated to reflect this change.
<http://www.calgarylabservices.com/lab-services-guide/lab-tests/AlphabeticalListing/T/Tricyclic-Screen.htm>
- No action required

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