



Memorandum

Date: February 17, 2015
To: Calgary and Rural Zone Physicians
From: Calgary Laboratory Services
Re: Updated Microbiology Requisition
(CLS #REQ9021MI 20150130)

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Key Messages:

The Microbiology requisition for Calgary Laboratory Services has had a major revision. Please find attached a sample of the updated requisition to be put into use, effective the date you receive this letter.

In an ongoing effort to improve patient care, please complete all required sections of the requisition as outlined on the CLS website:

<http://www.calgarylabservices.com/files/HealthcareProfessionals/Requisitions/CSD2713.pdf>

Background:

Most notable changes to the requisition are:

Urogenital section: In order to reduce test utilization this section has been reorganized by patient symptoms, not body site.

Stool for Ova & Parasites: A form with patient history must be completed for a full ova & parasite workup. If the history form is not provided with the test request, a molecular assay to detect *Giardia lamblia*, *Cryptosporidium* species, *Entamoeba histolytica* and *Dientamoeba fragilis* will be performed. The history form is available on the CLS website: <http://www.calgarylabservices.com/files/CLSForms/MI6011.pdf>.

Action Required:

Prior to March 10, 2015

- Order the updated Microbiology requisition (form # CAL200-24) and when you have a sufficient supply of new requisitions on hand, **discard** all previous versions of the requisition.
<http://www.calgarylabservices.com/files/CLSForms/PUR7507.pdf>
- If you have an electronic copy of this requisition either through Elab, or have developed your own, please ensure the changes have been uploaded to your system.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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