

Date: September 15, 2011

To: All Zones
Physicians, Nurses, Clinical Trials and Research, Cross Cancer Institute (CCI), Tom Baker Cancer Centre (TBCC) Administration and Laboratory Directors and Managers

From: AHS Laboratory Services and Calgary Laboratory Services (CLS)

Re: Laboratory Service Consolidations

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Key Messages:

We are pleased to announce that AHS Laboratory Services and AHS Cancer Care have agreed on the following changes related to the provision of laboratory services. These changes will ensure continuity of service and high quality patient care with continued support of academics and research. This will enable Laboratory Services to enhance quality, improve turnaround times and provide opportunities for reinvestment in new methodologies/testing services.

Edmonton Zone:

Consolidation of the specialized laboratory functions of Molecular Pathology (MP) and Immunohistochemistry (IHC) will proceed as follows over the next *six months*:

- The **Molecular Pathology (MP)** laboratories currently operating at the University of Alberta Hospital (UAH) and Cross Cancer Institute (CCI) will be consolidated into one Edmonton Zone laboratory location managed by Genetic Laboratory Services. Molecular Pathology testing will be centralized at the *UAH Laboratory*.
- The **Immunohistochemistry (IHC)** laboratories currently operating at the UAH and CCI will be consolidated into one Edmonton Zone Laboratory. Immunohistochemistry testing will be centralized at the *CCI Laboratory*.

Calgary Zone:

- Clinical Molecular Pathology and Immunohistochemistry testing services currently provided by the Tom Baker Cancer Centre Translational Research Laboratory (TBCC) will transition to Calgary Laboratory Services (CLS) over the next *three months*.

Please watch for further information regarding these service changes in Edmonton and Calgary. We look forward to continual enhancement of our positive relationships with Clinicians and Medical Staff utilizing Laboratory Services as we continue to enhance quality and standardization for our patients throughout the province.

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