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To: South Zone – West Physicians: Milk River and Raymond Health Centers

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Re: LB-22-11 New Coagulation Analyzers

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Key Messages:

The Community Support Office has completed the work up on new coagulation analyzers for Milk River and Raymond Health Centres. Staff training is currently underway. It is anticipated that on-site testing in Milk River and Raymond Health Centres will be available the week of September 19, 2011.

The analyzers are capable of testing INR and PTTs. All other coagulation tests will be sent to Chinook Regional.

Reference Ranges for INR and PTTs will remain the same for the new analyzers:

Test	Reference Range
INR	0.8-1.2
PTT	24-34 secs

Why this is important:

INR and PTT requests will be tested on-site in Milk River and Raymond Health Centres.

Action Required:

Ordering practice for INR and PTT remain the same.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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