

**Date:** October 17, 2011

**To:** South Zone – West: South Zone Laboratories, Physician Clinics, Independent Physician Offices

**From:** AHS Laboratory Services – South Zone (West)

**Re:** LB-29-11 Disposal of Expired Laboratory Supplies

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**Key Messages:**

Effective October 17, 2011, physician offices and clinics may dispose of all non-chemical expired supplies on-site.

Chemical supplies with an attached MSDS label should continue to be sent to the laboratory for disposal. The following are examples of these supplies:

- Cytolyt
- Urine Cytology kits
- SAF O&P fixative containers
- EPT Stool preservative containers
- 10% Formalin containers

**Why this is important:**

Currently all expired lab supplies are returned to Chinook Regional Hospital Laboratory for disposal. This change will reduce the handling and transport of expired products.

**Action Required:**

- Physician offices should begin disposing of all non-chemical expired lab supplies on-site.
- Expired chemical supplies should be sent to the laboratory **Attn: Laboratory Safety**.

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