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**To:** South Zone - West  
Physicians & Physician Offices, South Zone West Laboratories and Collection Sites, Lethbridge Correctional Centre – Health Centre

**From:** AHS Laboratory Services – South Zone (West)  
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**Re:** 28-10 Oxycodone HCl (OxyContin) Screening

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**Key Message:**

The Urine Drug Screen Kit currently used by Chinook Regional Hospital Laboratory does not readily detect Oxycodone.

**Why this is important:**

Requesting a standard urine drug screen when wanting to screen a patient's urine specimen for Oxycodone, will not provide the appropriate result.

**Action Required:**

When requesting a screen for Oxycodone:

- Submit a urine specimen (10 - 15 mL preferred) for analysis.
- Write "screen for Oxycodone" in the "Other Tests / Comments" box on the lower right hand corner of the South Zone West Laboratory / Microbiology Request form. The lab will then process the specimen to ensure the correct test is performed.

**For additional questions contact:**

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**This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by Dr. B. Popma, Acting Medical Director**