



Date: January 17, 2013

To: South Zone – West

Physicians, Nursing and Laboratory Staff at Fort Macleod Hospital

From: AHS Laboratory Services – South Zone West

Re: Implementation of Chemistry Analyzer (Ortho V250)

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Key Message:

- The Fort Macleod laboratory is pleased to announce the addition of the Ortho Vitros 250 Chemistry Analyzer.
- Effective January 16, 2013, the current Chemistry test menu at Fort Macleod Hospital Laboratory will be expanded to include:
 - Alkaline Phosphatase (ALP)
 - Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT)
 - Creatine Kinase (CK)
 - > Calcium
 - Lipase
 - > Total Bilirubin
 - > Alcohol
 - Acetaminophen
 - Salicylate

Why this is important:

 Test menu changes may impact clinical care decisions involving transportation of patients to Chinook Regional Hospital.

Action Required:

 Please refer to the revised 'STAT ON SITE TEST MENU' for the complete listing of tests available in Fort Macleod.

For additional questions contact:

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This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by:

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