

Date: February 3, 2012

To: Red Deer Regional Hospital Center (Day Surgery, Unit 21/23/24):
Nurses and Laboratory

From: AHS Laboratory Services – Central Zone

Re: Urine Collection Container Change for Urine hCG (Pregnancy Test)

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Key Messages:

The following changes for urine hCG (Pregnancy Test) collection will be effective as of February 7, 2012 at 9:00 am.

1. Urine preoperative samples to ONLY measure hCG will now be collected in the orange top screw containers. Blue top containers will no longer be accepted for this purpose.
2. The change is required to ensure the sample is identified and handled appropriately in the Laboratory.
3. Please ensure the orange top screw containers are closed tightly before they are sent to the Laboratory to avoid leakage in the pneumatic tube system.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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