

## *Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Memorandum*

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To: Nova Scotia Physicians, Provincial Lab Managers, and Child Protection Services  
From: Dr. Bassam A. Nassar, Director of Toxicology Section  
Mr. Randy Veinotte, Esoteric Laboratory Manager  
Date: March 21, 2018  
Subject: Delay in Toxicology Sample Testing

Due to equipment issues Toxicology has not been able to process Urine Drug Screens since February 21, 2018. The equipment is now repaired and we will be working through the backlog of samples. The expected timeline to get caught up on testing is 3–4 weeks depending on the sample type (medical versus forensic).

Samples will be prioritized based on the age of the sample and those impacting patient care. If you are waiting on sample results that have a direct impact to patient care we ask that you contact the laboratory at 902–473–8467 and talk with one of the technologists. These samples can be prioritized and included in earlier runs.

We do apologize for the delay but ask for your patience as we work through the backlog. Please do not contact the laboratory unless your sample is considered urgent and has a direct impact on patient care.

Please contact Dr. Nassar at 902–473–2225 or Mr. Veinotte at 902–473–6678 if you have any questions or concerns.