

Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Memorandum

To: Central Zone Healthcare Providers and Health Service Directors

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Subject: Amendment – Changes in reporting of cerebrospinal fluid cell count results in Central Zone

This is to provide notice that the CSF reporting changes communicated on September 21, 2021 have been amended to expand the lower limit for the red blood cell (RBC) count threshold to **1,000 x 10⁶/L**. Any CSF-RBC result that falls below this limit will be reported as < 1,000 x 10⁶/L.

This change will take effect on November 8, 2021

Please direct any questions or concerns to Dr. Allam Shawwa, Medical Director Core Hematology at 902-443-1236.