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MEMORANDUM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL USERS OF CDHA LABORATORIES

To: Capital Health Physicians, HSM, Inpatient and Outpatient units/clinics, Emergency Departments, Nurse Educators, phlebotomists, Nova Scotia District Laboratories

From: Dr. Manal Elnenaei, Dr. Amy Lou, Ms. Roxanna Saulnier, Ms. Cindy Andrews, Dr. Bassam A. Nassar
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Date: Apr 11, 2014

RE: **Change in Collection Requirements for Prealbumin**

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Division of Clinical Chemistry is replacing its present Chemistry analyzers (Beckman Coulter Inc.) at Capital Health laboratories for **routine blood and fluid chemistries and therapeutic drugs with** analyzers from Abbott Diagnostics.

With this change of analyzers, there will be a change in the tube collection requirement for prealbumin samples. The sample type for prealbumin on the Abbott analyzer is serum, therefore please be advised **effective Sunday April 27th the collection requirement for prealbumin will change from a light green capped lithium heparin plasma separator tube (PST) to a gold capped serum separator tube (SST).**

If you have any queries or concerns on this matter, please contact Dr. Elnenaei at 902 473 5194, Dr Lou at 902 473 1528, or Dr. Nassar at 902 473 2225.

We thank you for your attention.

CC. Ms. Shauna Thompson, Dr. J. Godfrey Heathcote