



Capital Health

MEMORANDUM

To: Capital Health Inpatient, Emergency and Outpatient clinics, Physicians, Health Service Managers, Nurse Practitioners

From: Dr. Manal Elnenaei, Dr. Bassam Nassar, Dr. Amy Lou, Ms Cindy Andrews
Division of Clinical Chemistry

Date: September 12th 2014

Subject: **Change in ordering of Electrolyte Panels has been postponed**

We recently sent a memo titled: Change in ordering of Electrolyte Panels to promote appropriate utilization, dated 3rd September 2014, indicating that there will be a change in the way electrolytes will be ordered and that there is a new requisition form for Inpatient/Clinic orders to reflect this.

A decision has now been made to postpone the implementation of this change until January 5th, 2015. This is to allow for an adaptation period to the new idea of specifically requesting CO₂ and chloride on patients in whom they are clinically required, and provide clinicians with sufficient time to replace any standing orders with ones that carry a specific request for CO₂ and/or chloride, where necessary.

In the meantime, between now and January 5th, 2015, we urge that any patient who is provided with a requisition form or standing order which is intended for testing on or after January 5th, 2015 and requires a CO₂ and/or chloride, must have this clearly requested as per instructions given in the memo dated 3rd September 2014.

We will also be sending a reminder memo of the change shortly prior to the implementation date of 5th January 2015.

If you have further questions about this issue, please contact Dr. Elnenaei at 902-473-5194, Dr Lou at 902-473-1528 or Dr. Nassar at 902-473-2225

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