

Pathology and Laboratory Medicine memorandum

To: Nova Scotia Health Authority Laboratories

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Message: **Changes to blood collection for Total Protein and Albumin testing**

Effective January 11, 2016, the collection requirements for blood referred to the QEII Laboratory for serum protein electrophoresis and bio-available testosterone assay will change.

Serum Protein Electrophoresis : When requesting serum protein electrophoresis, the requirement is now two (2) frozen aliquots of serum, one of which will be used for total protein analysis.

Bio-available Testosterone : Requests for bio-available testosterone will also require two (2) frozen aliquots of serum, one of which will be used for albumin analysis.

After January 11, 2016 frozen plasma samples will no longer be accepted for total protein or albumin testing.

Please refer to the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Test Catalogue located at: <http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/pathology-laboratory-medicine>

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

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