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MEMORANDUM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL USERS OF CDHA LABORATORIES

To: Capital Health Physicians, Inpatient and Outpatient units/clinics, Emergency Departments, Nurse Educators, 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: May 29, 2014

RE: **Discontinuing Serum Barbiturate Testing at CDHA Laboratories**

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

With this change, analysis of **serum barbiturates** will no longer be available. Therefore, effective June 15, 2014, Capital Health will no longer offer serum barbiturate testing. Hence, this low volume test will be referred to Hospitals In-Common Laboratory (HCIL).

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

We thank you for your attention.

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