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Subject: **Homocysteine and Clozapine Testing**

Please be advised of the following changes:

Homocysteine:

Following consultation with our clinical colleagues, our Division has elected to no longer offer homocysteine testing in our Laboratory. However, testing for Capital Health patients will be referred to Hospitals In-Common Laboratory (HICL) in Ontario upon approval by our Clinical Chemistry Faculty. All District laboratories outside CDHA are kindly requested to refer samples directly to HICL. The cost of testing at HICL is \$25.00 per test.

Clozapine:

Our Division will resume Clozapine testing in-house as of September 23, 2013 and will accept referred in samples from all NS District laboratories. Testing will be performed by Tandem Mass Spectrometry in the Toxicology Laboratory for a cost of \$20.45 per test. Collection requirements remain the same, i.e. royal blue cap, BD 368380.

If you have any questions, please contact Faye.Lively@cdha.nshealth.ca at (902) 473-6387 or Bassam.Nassar@cdha.nshealth.ca @ 473-2225.

Thank you for your attention.

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