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MEMORANDUM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL USERS OF CDHA LABORATORIES

To: Capital Health Clinics and Physicians
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From: Dr. Manal Elnenaei, Dr. Amy Lou, Ms. Cindy Andrews, Dr. Bassam A. Nassar
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Date: June 11, 2014

RE: **Implementation of New Analyzers at the QEII Health Sciences Sites**

The Division of Clinical Chemistry at the Victoria General Hospital and Halifax Infirmary sites will be replacing its present Chemistry analyzers (Beckman Coulter Inc.) for **routine blood and fluid chemistries and therapeutic drugs** with analyzers from Abbott Diagnostics (this does not include endocrine, immunology or microbiology testing). The implementation will take place on Sunday June 15, 2014

Hence, please be alerted to the following:

- **There are differences in the references ranges between the current and new analyzers for a number of assays.** Please review the reference ranges stated in each report prior to making your clinical decisions.
- In the initial stages of this transition there may be some delays in the turn-around times of analysis, but every effort will be made to minimize the impact of this on patient care.

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.

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