



Capital Health

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nova Scotia Laboratory Managers
FROM: Carolyn Mills, Technical Manager, Division of Microbiology
DATE: November 21, 2012
RE: New Costing for Microbiology Serology Testing

Effective January 7, 2013, fourteen Microbiology serology test will be transitioned from the Abbott Axsym to the Abbott Architect instrument. The cost for 12 of these tests will **decrease**; Rubella IgG has a slight increase, while the syphilis screening test will increase significantly as it is being transitioned from a manual to an automated method. See table below for new costs.

The Abbott Architect technology offers increased capacity for testing and Our initial verification studies suggest that it will reduce the number of indeterminate results compared to the existing Abbott Axsym. HIV and Syphilis are two assays that are substantially different from our current testing. Further communication regarding these differences will occur before the go-live date.

TEST	OLD Cost / Test	NEW COST / Test
CMV	\$11.59	\$10.15
HIV 1&2	\$18.78	\$9.93
Hepatitis core antibody	\$16.46	\$11.01
Hepatitis B antibody	\$12.52	\$10.85
Hepatitis B antigen	\$12.29	\$10.37
Hepatitis C	\$23.19	\$12.09
Hepatitis A IgM	\$16.00	\$13.71
Hepatitis A IgG	\$12.29	\$11.01
Rubella IgG	\$9.51	\$10.15
Rubella IgM	\$23.19	\$13.71
Toxoplasmosis IgG	\$21.10	\$10.47
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HTLV	\$22.03	\$12.09
Syphilis	\$5.10	\$9.77

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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