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MEMORANDUM

TO: Capital Health Physicians, Health Service Managers, Nursing Units, Clinics and Nurse Educators

FROM: Dr. Ross Davidson, Director of Bacteriology - Dept. of Microbiology

DATE: April 1, 2015

RE: **New Plastic Blood Culture Bottles**

The Microbiology laboratory recently replaced our automated blood culture system with a new instrument. As a result, we are now able to switch from glass blood culture bottles to plastic bottles. These new bottles are lighter in weight and potentially safer as the risk of breakage is significantly reduced. The plastic bottles look very similar to the glass bottles, although slightly smaller.

There is absolutely no change in procedure or technique required to use these new plastic bottles. Ordering procedures will also not change, SAP numbers remain the same. Floors will continue to order as usual and once the glass bottles cycle through the new plastic bottles will be introduced.

I am attaching pictures of the new bottles for your information.

Yours sincerely,

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