



Capital Health

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Update Regarding Repeat Rules

In order to ensure appropriate utilization of laboratory services, the Division of Clinical Chemistry, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Capital Health has recently implemented repeat testing rules for the tests listed below. Understanding that there may be circumstances where testing is clinically warranted within the proposed repeat timelines, clinicians are reminded to indicate they do not want testing cancelled on the ordering requisition. **Please be advised that the specific test(s) must be identified on the requisition. Any requests that simply state 'Do Not Cancel' without identifying the specific tests will not be considered.**

TSH	8 weeks	PSA	12 weeks
Free T4	8 weeks	PSA and Free PSA	12 weeks
Ferritin	8 weeks	Alpha Fetoprotein	8 weeks
Vitamin B12	12 weeks	Vitamin D	1 year if previous result was normal

Clinical users are reminded that the process of overriding the cancellation rule for a specific test does not happen immediately; there may be a delay of several hours before the order status changes in the clinical portal.

We are pleased to announce that when tests are cancelled, the previous results and the date/time when the test was last performed now appear on the report to the ordering physician in order to assist with utilization initiatives.

If you have any questions, please contact Bassam.Nassar@cdha.nshealth.ca at (902) 473-2225 or Shauna.Thompson@cdha.nshealth.ca at (902) 473-4065.

Thank you for your attention.

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