



Dear Doctor:

**RE: Update on Walk-in Clinic for C14 UREA Breath Test**

The Nuclear Medicine Department of Nova Scotia Health Authority is happy to announce the success of our walk-in clinic which opened on October 1, 2010 for performing **C14 UREA Breath Tests** at the Dickson Centre, Victoria General Site, Halifax.

However, we do have some concerns that need to be addressed.

- a) Some of our patients are not properly prepared when they arrive for their test. When this happens we give the patient a preparation sheet for when they return.
  
- b) Some of our patients arrive without a requisition, the incorrect requisition and/or sometimes it is unsigned. The appropriate requisition for the C14 Urea Breath test is the Diagnostic Imaging Department Consultation, Diagnostic Imaging Department (X-ray), with the relevant history and signed by the physician.

Please follow this process when sending your patient for the C14 Urea Breath test:

- Give your patient a signed requisition with relevant patient history and medications and a patient instruction sheet.
- Review the patient's medications and inform your patient which medications they need to avoid and for how long.
- Advise your patient that there may be wait times.

Thank you for your cooperation and for adding to the success of our walk-in clinic.

**For information on the C14 Urea Breath test, including updates, please refer to the CH website at [www.cdha.nshealth.ca](http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca), under Programs and Services, choose "D" for Diagnostic Imaging, select "Visit Website", then on the left side of the page choose Nuclear Medicine.**