



MEMORANDUM

To: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Capital Health

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Subject: **Change of Reference Ranges for Serum β -HCG testing**

Please note that the reference ranges for β -HCG in serum have changed and will now be reported as:

Men and pre-menopausal non-pregnant women: < 5 IU/L
Post-menopausal women: < 8 IU/L

Note: If a result is borderline high (5-25 IU/L), repeat testing after 72 hours may be warranted.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Lou at (902) 473-1528 (Amy.Lou@cdha.nshealth.ca), Dr. Elnenaie at (902) 473-5194 (Manal.Elnenaie@cdha.nshealth.ca) or Dr. Nassar at (902) 473-2225 (Bassam.Nassar@cdha.nshealth.ca).

Thank you for your attention.

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