

## ***Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Memorandum***

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To: Inpatient and Outpatient clinics, Physicians, Health Service Managers, Central Zone

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Subject: **Changes to weekend and holiday laboratory coverage at Hants Community Hospital**

As a result of staff shortages the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine is making the following service changes on weekends and holidays at Hants Community Hospital.

Effective Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017:

- Morning inpatient blood collection service only. Testing will be sent to the Mackenzie Core Laboratory.
- Stat and urgent requests for Emergency and In-patients will be delivered by nursing via Point Of Care Testing.

In addition, effective immediately, weekday routine outpatient blood samples are being directed to the Mackenzie Core Laboratory for testing.

This is an interim solution while efforts to recruit medical laboratory technologists to this facility continues.

If you have questions, please contact the onsite supervisor Susan Jackson at 902-792-2036