



Capital Health

MEMORANDUM

To: Primary care physicians/nurse practitioners

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Subject: **New Laboratory Requisitions for Primary Care effective September 3, 2013**

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine has reviewed the current requisitions used in primary care for ordering general laboratory and microbiology tests on bloods, body fluids and non-blood Microbiology specimens.

- CD0002 Blood for Inpatients and Outpatients
- CD0003 Urine/Stool/Fluids/Calculi/Hair
- CD0433 Out-patient Microbiology

Two new requisitions were designed specifically for primary care, incorporating feedback from multiple stakeholders.

- **CD0002B Primary Care**
- **CD0433 Microbiology Primary Care**

Revisions include:

- elimination of requisition CD0003 for general laboratory testing on Urine/Stool/Fluids/Calculi/Hair
- test consolidation of blood specimens to a new primary care requisition
- test menu more relevant to primary care
- collection information to reduce pre analytical error
- defined information fields required for collection and registration
- expanded information for patients and physicians

The new requisitions will be available September 3, 2013, at no cost, and we request you discontinue use of the previous requisitions. To order laboratory requisitions please call 902-466-8070 or complete the request form on the Capital Health website.

<http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/pathology-laboratory-medicine/how-obtain-laboratory-requisitions>

If you have any questions please contact DPLMCustomerService@cdha.nshealth.ca

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