

MEMORANDUM

TO: Halifax Infirmary Emergency Department:

FROM: Dr. J.G. Heathcote, District Chief, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Anita Muise, District Manager Laboratory Client and Support Centre

DATE: March 3, 2015

RE: Direct Access to Halifax Infirmary (HI) Core lab for critical communications

Effective March 3, 2015 the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine is providing the HI Emergency Department (ED) with the following telephone number for direct access to the **HI Core Laboratory.**

473-4270

This number is being made available to help facilitate communication between the ED and the laboratory, with the expectation that only urgent calls needing an immediate response will be made.

All other calls should continue to be directed to **Central Reporting** at:

473-2266

If the telephone at this number is not answered, a message may be left. All messages will be answered in the order in which they are received.

The faxed add on process should continued to be used when requesting additional testing. These requests are faxed directly to the HI Core Laboratory specimen-receiving.

Please contact Paul Acker, Technical Supervisor, HI Core Laboratory at 473- 4897 or Anita Muise at 473-6585 if further clarification is required.