

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: IGF-1 testing temporarily referred out with different Reference Changes

Effective May 17, 2013, IGF-1 testing will be temporally referred out to Hospitals in Common due to lack of reagents from the vendor. We expect to resume in house testing in early July.

During this period, we expect longer turnaround times and a 5-20% increase in results as well as the reference range due to the different method used by the referral laboratory. There will be no changes for patient preparations and specimen collection requirements for the testing

If you have any questions, please contact <u>Bassam.Nassar@cdha.nshealth.ca</u> at (902) 473-2225, <u>Amy.Lou@cdha.nshealth.ca</u> at (902) 473-1528 or <u>Shauna.Thompson@cdha.nshealth.ca</u> at (902) 473-4065.

Thank you for your attention,

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