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## **MEMORANDUM**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL USERS OF CDHA LABORATORIES

**To:** Capital Health Clinics and Physicians

Nova Scotia District Laboratories

**From:** Dr. Godfrey Heathcote

Ms. Shauna Thompson

**Date:** February 9, 2015

RE: Impact to Laboratory Services as a result of the implementation of the automated track and

instrumentation at the Victoria General site, February 22, 2015

On February 22, 2015 and the week leading up to this date, the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine will

be implementing a new automated track system and Core Lab. During this transition we are anticipating some delay in routine testing in the following automated areas:

- Hematology General Hematology
- Chemistry Chemistry and Endocrinology
- Microbiology Immunology

Due to the changes in some instrumentation there will be differences in references ranges between the current and new analyzers for a number of assays. Please review the reference ranges stated on each report prior to making your clinical decisions.

If you have any queries or concerns on this matter, please contact:

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We thank you for your attention.

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