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Ottawa National Immunohematology Reference Laboratory (NIRL) Relocation to the Brampton Operations Site

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Dear Colleagues:

Effective April 1, 2020, the Canadian Blood Services National Immunohematology Reference Laboratory (NIRL) will be relocated from its current location in Ottawa to the Brampton Operations Site.

The National Immunohematology Reference Laboratory (NIRL) provides referral services for hospital customers for routine and complex antibody investigations, red cell antigen genotype testing, medical consultation and assistance in finding the most suitable components for patients.

The Diagnostic Services Ontario and Nunavut (ONN) Laboratory will remain at the Brampton Operations Site and will continue to provide the same level of referral testing and consultation services to Ontario hospital customers.

SENDING PATIENT SAMPLES

Starting April 1, 2020, please send patient samples requiring antibody investigation and/or genotype testing by the National Immunohematology Reference Laboratory (NIRL) to the following address:

100 Parkshore Drive, Brampton, ON, L6T 5M1

REQUISITION FORMS

The following requisition forms will be updated to reflect the Brampton address and contact information:

- Request for Serological Investigation (*F800437*)
- Request for Blood Group Genotyping (Patient) National Immunohematology Reference Laboratory (NIRL) (*F800019*)

The revised requisitions will be available on www.blood.ca in the "Laboratory Services" Section beginning April 1, 2020.

WEBSITE RESOURCES

The Laboratory Services section of www.blood.ca will be updated on April 1, 2020 to reflect the transition:

- National Immunohematology Reference Laboratory (NIRL) page will be updated to Brampton address and contact information.
- Applicable links to the requisitions will be updated to the new versions.

CONTACT INFORMATION

National Immunohematology Reference Laboratory (NIRL)

100 Parkshore Drive

Brampton, ON, L6T 5M1

Telephone: (905) 494-5295

Fax: (905) 494-8131

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday – 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM ET

Saturday – 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM ET

Please share a copy of this customer letter with healthcare professionals at your hospital who may require this information.

This customer letter can also be viewed at www.blood.ca in the “Hospitals Services” section. If you have questions about this letter, or if you require it in an accessible format, please contact your local hospital liaison specialist.

Sincerely,



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