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Dear Physician/Midwife/Nurse Practitioner,

Canadian Blood Services will be implementing a new Laboratory Information System (MAK TRACE LINE) on September 20, 2010 for use in its Diagnostic Services Laboratory in Regina. The change to the TRACE LINE system provides a stable state of the art computer environment for perinatal testing.

Here are the changes you should be aware of:

1. Revised Request for Perinatal Testing form

- The request form now requires complete physician information in order to have the report auto-faxed directly to the physician office.
- The patient's date of birth will no longer be used as a unique identifier.
- A copy of the revised form will be available on blood.ca (→hospital section→ID: Hospital Customer, Password: Heforms001) in September.

2. Revised Perinatal Results Report

- The appearance of the reports will change. Note: New date format is YYYY-MM-DD.
- Maternal information can be linked to reports on cords/newborns and fathers if maternal information including expected date of delivery (EDD) is provided on the requisition.
- Father samples will not be tested if they cannot be linked to a mother.
- The guidelines for perinatal follow-up testing is now listed on the report in table format.

3. Report Send-outs

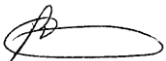
- Prenatal reports will now be auto-faxed instead of mailed to the ordering physician. Each patient report can be sent to multiple health care providers if full first and last name, address, phone number, and fax number of each physician requiring a copy is included. Please ensure all information for sending reports is on the requisition and is legible. A copy of all prenatal reports will also be faxed to the delivery hospital.
- Reports may be faxed overnight – please ensure your fax machine is in a secure area, is left on and stocked with paper.
- It is the responsibility of the physician's office to ensure the correct fax number is on the requisition and to notify CBS of any changes to the fax number to ensure accurate auto-faxing of reports.

4. Rejected Sample Report

- New report for rejected samples only
- Reason for rejection will appear on the report

Examples of the attached reports can be copied and distributed for training purposes within your office. Thank you for your support and cooperation as we make the necessary changes to upgrade our information technology infrastructure. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Freier, Diagnostic Services Supervisor, at 306-347-1621 or lauren.freier@blood.ca.

Sincerely yours,



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