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To: Laboratories Collecting and Referring Samples for Hemoglobinopathy Investigation Service

cc: Dr. A. Kabani, Paul Penner, DSM Regional Manager, DSM Site Managers

From: Diagnostic Services of Manitoba
Hematology Discipline

Re: Communication to Referring Laboratories re Hemoglobinopathy Investigation Service

Effective Monday, June 1, 2009, the DSM Hemoglobinopathy Investigation service will be consolidated at St. Boniface General Hospital Hematology Laboratory.

The specific changes that will affect the users of this service will be:

Implementation of a DSM Hemoglobinopathy Investigation Requisition (see attached) that will require:

- Clinical information and family history to be provided by the ordering Physician, before the testing will be initiated.
- Contact information of the ordering Physician.
- Specific samples to be collected or results to be provided by the referring Laboratory. Samples for CBC and ferritin and the peripheral blood film must be sent with the hemoglobin electrophoresis sample.

The requisition will be available to print from the on-line DSM Laboratory Information Manual, found at www.dsmanitoba.ca → Info for Professionals → LIM (<http://apps.sbggh.mb.ca/labmanualviewer/index.do>) and also from SBGH Hematology Lab, phone: (204) 237-2468.

The required information must be on the requisition prior to phlebotomy at the collection site/referring Laboratory. A memo advising that the clinical information must be provided has been communicated to Physicians. (See attached Communication to Physicians.) If the requisition lacks the required information or required samples are not received, the request will not be processed. The Referring Laboratory will be contacted and samples retained for five days.

All associated samples and results must be sent to:

Hematology Laboratory, L4006
St. Boniface General Hospital
409 Tache Ave.
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