



Clinical Practice Change Alert

November 9, 2016

CLINICAL PRACTICE CHANGE

COLLECTION FOR CBC SAMPLES

Effective: November 14, 2016

Change in Test Procedure:

In order to ensure quality results, the Hematology Laboratory will now require an EDTA tube filled with 2.0 mL or greater when sending patient samples for CBC testing. This requirement also applies to reticulocyte, reticulated hemoglobin, and immature platelet fraction requests. If the sample does not meet the 2 mL requirement, it will be rejected.

If sending a microtainer EDTA tube, 0.5 mL is required.

All Physician Alerts and Clinical Practice Changes are available on the DSM Intranet at <http://dsmanitoba.ca/medical-practitioners/physician-information/>

Please contact the undersigned with questions and concerns.
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