

MEMO

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To: All Ordering Physicians and Nurse Practitioners

From: Jason Warren, Immunology Technical Director

**Re: RESUMPTION OF SERVICE:
Rheumatoid Factor (RF) Testing, Health Sciences Centre Immunology**

Please be advised that the temporary service interruption for Rheumatoid Factor (RF) testing at the Health Sciences Centre Immunology Laboratory has been resolved. This interruption was due to an issue affecting the test kit manufacturing process which has been corrected by the vendor. The laboratory has received the necessary stock to fully resume on-site testing immediately.

Key Updates:

- **On-Site Testing:** All RF testing has returned to local, on-site processing.
- **Sample Referrals:** We will no longer refer RF samples to out-of-province reference laboratories.
- **Turnaround Times:** Expect reporting timeframes to return to normal standard windows.
- **Alternative Testing:** The temporary recommendation to use anti-CCP antibody testing as a substitute is no longer active unless otherwise clinically indicated.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may have caused to your patients, physicians or staff and appreciate your patience, collaboration, and understanding during this service interruption.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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