MEMO

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To: All Healthcare Providers ordering Laboratory Testing, Diagnostic Imaging or Non-Invasive Cardiac Testing (EKG, Holter, Stress and Echocardiography)

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Re: Paper copies of Diagnostic Services requisitions required

The changes in clinical practice instituted in response to the Covid-19 include an ever-increasing number of health-care providers seeing patients virtually. Paper requisitions for essential laboratory testing, diagnostic imaging and non-invasive cardiac testing (EKG, Holter, Stress and echocardiography) are still required, with the exception of sites using a pre-existing electronic order entry system (in existence at St. Boniface and several other sites).

Electronic copies of requisitions on patient’s smartphones, tablets, etc., are not acceptable.

Requisitions can be faxed to testing locations per normal pre-existing processes.

For essential tests referred on a walk-in basis, please make ensure patients have paper copies of their requisitions before they arrive by:

- emailing the requisition to the patient for them to print and bring with them; or
- printing the requisition for the patient to pick up at your office.

Thank you for your support as we respond to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation.