



Eastern Health

MEMORANDUM

TO: *All Eastern Health personnel that order/interpret
CBC (complete blood count)*

FROM: *Dr. Christopher Sharpe, Hematological Pathologist
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DATE: *January 22, 2019*

RE: **REPORTING OF WHITE BLOOD CELL DIFFERENTIAL COUNTS**

The Hematology Laboratory at Eastern Health will be implementing new technology (Cellavision) for manual slide review on Tuesday January 29th. 2019.

As a result of the Cellavision implementation the differential reporting will reflect the following changes:

- We will now report the manual differential in absolute values only. This is a change from percentages which are reported currently. Blast cells and plasma cells, however, will be reported with both the absolute and percentage values.
- Ovalocytes will now be reported as Elliptocytes
- Terminology associated with RBC morphology will also be standardized

In the event issues arise due to the proposed changes to reporting, please call the Hematologist office at 777-6550 or the Laboratory Hematologist/Hematological Pathologist on-call.

