



MEMORANDUM

To: All Physicians & Nurse Practitioners, Newfoundland & Labrador
Date: September 23rd, 2021
Re: Lactose Malabsorption Breath Testing Suspended
From: Mass Spectrometry Laboratory, Laboratory Medicine

Dear Colleagues,

Due to a shortage of laboratory staff in the Mass Spectrometry Laboratory, no appointments will be made for Lactose Malabsorption Breath Testing until further notice.

Notice of a temporary suspension in testing was sent out in December of 2019, however, this service is still suspended and will continue to be until further notice.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. For any inquiries, please contact Dr. Vinita Thakur (709-777-6375) or Dr. Berna Aslan (709-777-6376).

Kindest Regards,

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