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MEMORANDUM

To: All Physicians & Nurse Practitioners, Newfoundland & Labrador
Date: August 27th, 2021
Re: Temporary Interruption in Reflexive Testing for MMA
From: Biochemistry Department, Laboratory Medicine, Eastern Health

Dear Colleagues,

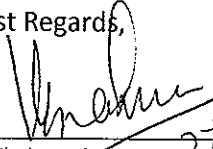
There is a service interruption in the reflexive testing for Methylmalonic Acid (MMA) prompted by low and low-normal vitamin B12 levels until further notice.

Consecutive back orders of an instrument part that needs replacement has caused this interruption. At this time, the supplier cannot provide us with an expected delivery timeline. MMA testing will resume as soon as we receive and replace the part. During this time we will store samples with low or low-normal Vitamin B12 results to test when the instrument's part replaced.

We advise clinicians to base therapeutic decisions on vitamin B12 levels alone in the interim.

We apologize for the inconvenience this will cause and thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Berna Aslan (709-699-7510) or Dr. Vinita Thakur (709-682-6326).

Kindest Regards,


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