



Capital Health

MEMORANDUM

To: Provincial Laboratories

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Date: January 13, 2015

Subject: **PLM Specimen aliquot tube requirements: specimens referred to Capital Health**

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine is moving closer to the completion of the Core Laboratory at the QEII Health Sciences Centre, predicted to open February 2015. With the changes in instrumentation and the introduction of robotics within the core setting, there is a need to introduce a standardized aliquot tube to avoid interference with the performance of the instruments.

Effective as soon as possible, but no later than February 16, 2015, specimen aliquots referred to Capital Health must be submitted in a Starstedt 85x13mm aliquot tube. Exceptions to this requirement are as follows:

- Coag
- SPE Electrophoresis

These tests must continue to be submitted in your current aliquot tube.

Order information: for Starstedt 85x13mm aliquot tubes:

Tube: 6.5ml 85x13
Non stock: Starstedt order number 55.472
Price: \$186.34/ case of 2000

Cap: Starstedt order number 65.806
Price: \$21.00/bag of 1000

Please note: Request to have this tube available provincially in SAP as an in stock item has been submitted.

Please contact Trudy.handy@cdha.nshealth.ca if you are unable to switch to these aliquot tubes by this date or have questions related to this requirement.