



January 10, 2005

Alberta Regional Laboratory Directors and Managers

Sent via email and/or facsimile

Re: Closure of Archival Blood Record Review Hepatitis C Project

The Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (Microbiology) [ProvLab Alberta] is continuing to receive invoices for specimen collection fees/services associated with the Archival Blood Record Review Hepatitis C Project.

Please note, this project ended in September 2002, at which time all collection sites were reimbursed for their services. Any patients tested after that time should be considered as having routine anti-HCV testing as requested by submitting physicians. Specimen collection costs must be covered by regional budgets as is other routine anti-HCV diagnostic testing.

Therefore please be advised that effective January 1, 2005, ProvLab will no longer pay invoices for collection fees associated with this project.

If you have any comments or question, please contact our Client Services Manager, Vicki Knight at (780) 407-8962 v.knight@provlab.ab.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.K. Preiksaitis".

Dr. J.K Preiksaitis
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