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MEMORANDUM

TO: REFERRING CLIENTS

FROM: Barb Baltzer, Coordinator
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RE: Laboratory Test Changes for Utilization Cost Savings

As part of our effort to contain costs and achieve a balanced budget projection for 2011-2012, the Hamilton Regional Laboratory Medicine Program has reviewed our entire testing menu. The following is a list of tests which will be discontinued as of June 1, 2011.

Test	Reason for Discontinuation
Leukocyte Alkaline Phosphatase (LAP)	Molecular test (BCR/ABL) is now the standard of care.
Lipoprotein Electrophoresis, CK Isoenzyme Electrophoresis, LD Isoenzyme Electrophoresis	Not clinically relevant. Obsolete test. CKMB continues to be orderable if required.
Skin Biopsy for Immunofluorescence	Immunology Lab is unable to support this labour intensive test. The instrument is being decommissioned.

For further information about these changes, please contact me at 905-527-4322 Ext. 46102 or baltzer@hhsc.ca.