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**To:** All Physicians and SHA Staff

**From:** Laboratory Medicine

**Re:** Inclusion of Physician Address on all Requisitions - Requirement

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### Key Messages:

- Laboratory Medicine has 13 separate Laboratory Information Systems that are not able to share information with each other
- The current abilities of these systems and the information needed to process laboratory samples is not consistent across the province
- As we work through both provincial improvements and capacity issues related to Covid and staffing, we must align to meet the needs of multiple systems
- Physician address is now a mandatory field required to prevent delays in specimen processing and report distribution.
- Provincial standardization of requisitions is being reviewed as a priority within Laboratory Medicine Provincial Program.

### Why this is important:

- The address for the ordering physician needs to be included on the requisition
- This will facilitate more accurate order entry of laboratory requests from physicians, thereby improving patient result reporting accuracy

### Actions Required:

- When completing a laboratory requisitions include the ordering physician address, phone and fax numbers.
- If your physician office does not utilize an electronic EMR to generate a lab requisition it is recommended to order a stamp for each physician address on it.
- For those physicians who complete/submit RRPL requisitions, those requisitions can be accessed on this website: <https://rrpl-testviewer.ehealthsask.ca/>
  - Examples of this testing would include TSH, Vitamin B12, Vitamin D, and certain hormones such as Estrogen and Progesterone

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