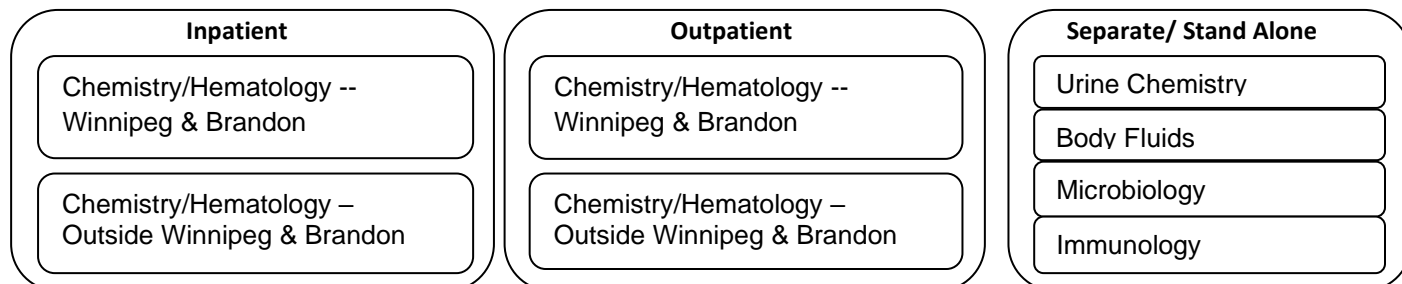


PROVINCIAL STANDARDIZED LAB REQUISITIONS

Date effective: March 1, 2021

Background Information:

Shared Health Laboratories have undertaken a Quality Improvement Project to standardize and consolidate the many site and region-based laboratory requisitions used throughout the province. Shared Health Diagnostic Services (Laboratory) is now releasing the first set of these. This action will enhance patient safety, provide updated tests and algorithms and reduce the number of forms in the system which will reduce errors. These have been approved by medical leadership across Manitoba and clinician feedback has been obtained throughout the process.



Important Changes/ Reminders:

- Requisitions are owned and document controlled by Shared Health Diagnostic Services and cannot be altered for site specific use unless approved by Shared Health Diagnostic Services.
- Accreditation requirements require certain data on each requisition: mandatory fields are marked with * or ♦. Failure to include required information may result in specimen / collection rejection.
- For outpatients, a critical results / after-hours contact phone number is required if indicated as mandatory on the requisition. The number must be on the requisition or in our Lab Information System. (After June 30, 2021, specimen may be rejected if information is not present. Use this link to update contact information: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/health-providers/diagnostic-services/update-contact-info/>)
- Testing for various areas of laboratory medicine has been moved to separate forms (body fluids, Immunology. Urine Chemistry and Microbiology). Some less common tests have been removed. If needed, they can be written on the bottom of the appropriate requisition. Please print legibly and consult Lab Information Manual (<https://apps.sbggh.mb.ca/labmanual/test/findTestPrepare>) for correct test names and requisitions.
- Requisitions have been sent to the EMR vendors and print shops. Contact them for assistance if needed.
- All tests requested should be used for direct patient care and decision making. Be intentional about what tests will provide the best information to manage the patient.
- If completing forms on behalf of others and the clinician order doesn't clearly match the tests on this form, contact them to clarify: do not guess.
- We recognize that this represents a significant change. We value your feedback and will be evaluating the impact of the change. Please send feedback to SHLabRequisitions@sharedhealthmb.ca.

Action Required

- When a new form completely replaces an old, delete prior versions from your EMR.
- After June 30, 2021, old requisitions will no longer be accepted.

References/Resources:

- <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/health-providers/diagnostic/reference-material>
- <https://apps.sbggh.mb.ca/labmanual/document/requisitions>

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