TRANSFUSION MEDICINE

Expansion of Pre-Transfusion Testing – Boundary Trails Health Center

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Background Information:

Shared Health Diagnostic Services will expand pre-transfusion testing within the Southern Health region as an ongoing initiative to deliver results and care closer to patient homes.

Currently, pre-transfusion testing for these sites is performed at Canadian Blood Services in Winnipeg, incurring transportation costs, delays, and increased testing turnaround times.

Effective **Tuesday, June 16, 2026**, pre-transfusion testing will expand to **Boundary Trails Health Center** with the following test menu:

- ABO/Rh
- Antibody Screen
- *Direct Antiglobulin Test (DAT or coombs test) to be available at a later date*

Hours of Operation:

Pre-transfusion testing will be available **Monday-Friday, 07:00-16:00** until **Tuesday, August 4, 2026,** where testing will **transition to a 24/7 service**.

System Improvements:

- Improvement of quality, cost, and service to patients
- Decrease turnaround times for testing and electronic crossmatches
- Significant reduction to delays associated with transportation and weather

References/Resources:

Shared Health Laboratory Information Manual
Bio-Rad Saxo-ID Reader II System

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