



# Eastern Health

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO: EASTERN HEALTH PHYSICIANS/ NURSE PRACTITIONERS**

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**DATE: May 7th, 2020**

**RE: INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE FOR ERYTHROCYTE SEDIMENTATION  
RATE TESTING (ESR)**

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The supply of test kits for manual ESR testing is not available at the current time and for some time into the future.

As a result, testing will move to an automated method once instrumentation is available on site. Until the time that the new method is operational, there will be an interruption to the service of ESR testing. The duration of the interruption to service is approximately 3 months.

We wish to advise that the CRP test is available as a stat test to aid in the diagnosis of Inflammatory infection in emergent clinical settings.

Please direct any inquiries regarding the information above to the Hematopathologist on call (call switchboard to be connected to the Hematopathologist on call) or the Laboratory Operations manager at 777-7709.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your anticipated cooperation going forward.

Kindest regards,  
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