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Notice to laboratory

RE: IPAC lapse Health Advisory: anticipated increased testing volumes

Halton Region Public Health has identified an infection prevention and control (IPAC) lapse at **Halton Family Health Centre (HFHC), Walk-in Clinic** located at 2951 Walkers Line, Burlington.

This lapse involved improper practices related to the use of multidose vials, which may have resulted in the contamination of local injectable anesthetics with blood. Consequently, patients who received procedures involving local injectable anesthetics at HFHC between **January 1, 2019, and July 17, 2025**, may have been exposed to blood-borne pathogens.

Halton Region Public Health is advising patients who received local injectable anesthetics at HFHC walk-in clinic during the specified timeframe to consult their healthcare provider or visit a walk-in clinic to discuss testing for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV. A media release is planned for September 17th and this may result in an increased volume of patients presenting to your lab to test for hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and HIV.

To facilitate testing, healthcare providers are asked to use [the pre-populated General Test Requisition form](#) which is available to download at Halton.ca.

Please note that testing related to this lapse should be done under IPAC Investigation Number: HAL-2025-00002.

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Public Health Ontario (PHO) has provided the following testing recommendations based on exposure timeframe:

| Date of last procedure | When to test | What to test |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Over 6 months ago | Now only | HIV, HBV*, HCV |
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| Between 3-6 months ago | Now and | HIV, HBV*, HCV |
| | 6 months from last procedure | HBV*, HCV |
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| Less than 3 months ago | Now and | HIV, HBV*, HCV |
| | 3 months from last procedure and | HIV, HBV*, HCV |
| | 6 months from last procedure | HBV*, HCV |

*HBV testing is not indicated if the patient has documented serological immunity (anti-HBs titre of at least 10 mIU/mL)

For further information, please contact Halton Region Public Health at 905-825-6000 or dial 311.

Sincerely,
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