

June 13, 2016

Dear Colleague,

As of July 1st, 2016, CHEO's Biochemical Genetics Laboratory will no longer be providing prenatal screening (i.e. Integrated Prenatal Screening, First Trimester Screening and Maternal Serum Screening). This change is in response to the Provincial Council for Maternal and Child Health's report, *The Road Forward*, and is in alignment with CHEO's current strategic priorities.

Building on CHEO's strong relationship with the Sinai Health System: Mount Sinai Hospital (MSH) in Toronto, the two organizations have negotiated for CHEO's samples to be analyzed at MSH. Thus, blood samples and requisitions with nuchal translucency measurements will now be sent to Mount Sinai Hospital (MSH) in Toronto for analysis. MSH is working to offer enhanced First Trimester Screening (eFTS) in the coming months and Integrated Prenatal Screening (IPS) will be phased out. Maternal Serum Screening (2nd trimester) will continue to be available at MSH for patients presenting for care at later gestations.

For ultrasound clinics:

For ultrasounds performed after July 1st, dating and NT measurement information should be recorded on a MSH requisition.

For private laboratories:

For samples collected after July 1st, a MSH requisition should be used. The only exception is for patients who completed Integrated Prenatal Screening (IPS) part I before July 1st, 2016, in which case the blood sample for part II will still be accepted and reported by the CHEO Laboratory.

Samples and requisitions should be sent directly to:

MSH Pathology & Lab Medicine
Room 6-308, 600 University Ave, Toronto, ON M5G 1X5

For any questions related to requisitions, testing, samples, amended or missing reports, please call MSH Pathology & Lab Medicine at 416-586-8510 or 877-586-8511.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this transition.