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Service Updates on Fluid CEA Testing at the Tumour Marker Laboratory

Background:

On December 5, 2022, the Tumour Marker Laboratory (TML) at BCCDC discontinued fluid tumour marker testing in consideration of technical and operational challenges. To minimize the impacts to the gastroenterology group due to the change of service, the TML will be sending out **fluid CEA samples** to Surrey Memorial Hospital at Fraser Health.

How May This Affect You?

Effective February 27th, 2023, TML will send out **fluid CEA samples** to Surrey Memorial Hospital once samples are received.

Test order will remain the same as before at both Cerner and Non-Cerner sites and you **do not** need to indicate the site of testing.

Clinicians will receive an intermediate report from the TML indicating that the sample was sent to Surrey Memorial Hospital. The **final results** will be available on **CareConnect and Excelleris**.

The expected turn-around-time from order to result will be similar to the in-house testing (within a week).

Questions?

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