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All Physicians, Clinics, Hospitals, and Laboratories		

Subject LABORATORY SERVICES REFERRED FROM HOSPITALS

Inpatient and outpatient laboratory services are the financial responsibility of the patient's hospital.

If specimens are collected in hospital but the testing is performed outside of the hospital, the financial responsibility still remains with the hospital. Claims for such services may not be submitted to the Ministry of Health by the laboratory performing the service. Such claims should be billed directly to the referring hospital.

It is not acceptable for a private medical lab or the Hospital In Common Laboratories to bill the Ministry for tests which originate in a hospital. If the hospital collects specimens on its premises, creates a Ministry of Health requisition form signed by its pathologist or one of its own physicians, and sends that requisition to a private lab or to the Hospital In Common Laboratory, the hospital should be billed by the performing lab.

Work referred to a hospital laboratory from community physicians on their own patients is also the responsibility of the hospital. Work referred directly to a private medical laboratory from community physicians on their own patients is billable to the Ministry through the appropriate district office listed below.

This policy reiterates that as stated in previous bulletins (#4089, 4121, 4161, 4182, 4186, 4203).

Office locations

Barrie 30 Poyntz St. L4M 3P2	Hamilton 119 King St. W P.O. Box 2280, Stn. A L8N 4C8	Kenora 100 Main St. S. P9N 1S9	Kingston 1055 Princess St. P.O. Box 9000 K7L 5A9	Kitchener Canada Life Square Main Floor 235 King St. E., N2G 4N5	London 227 Queens Ave. P.O. Box 5700 Terminal A N6A 4L6	Mississauga 201 City Centre Dr. P.O. Box 7020, Stn. A L5A 3M1
Oshawa Exec. Tower, Osh. Ctr. 419 King St. W. P.O. Box 635 L1H 8L4	Ottawa Fuller Building 75 Albert Street K1P 5Y9	Owen Sound 981 2nd Avenue E. N4K 2H5	Peterborough Park Lane Plaza 815 High Street K9J 8J9	St. Catharines 59 Church St. 3rd Floor L2R 3C3	Sarnia 452 Christina St. N. N7T 5W4	Sault Ste. Marie 205 McNabb St. 2nd Floor, Ste. 205 P6B 1Y3
Sudbury 199 Larch St., 8th Floor P3E 5R1	Thunder Bay 435 James St. S. P.O. Box 5000 P7C 5G6	Timmins 38 Pine St. N., 101 Mall, Ste. 110 P4N 6K6	Toronto 2195 Yonge St. at Eglinton, P.O. Box 1700 Stn. A M5W 1G9	Toronto 7 Overlea Boulevard M4H 1A8	Windsor 1427 Ouellette Ave. N8X 1K1	Head Office P.O. Box 38 Kingston, Ont. K7L 5J2