

## Labstract – October 2012

### CUMULATIVE REPORTING for Hepatitis and HIV:

## Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV1/2 Serology Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C Viral Loads

To Health Care Providers:

Effective October 20, 2012 Public Health Ontario Laboratories (PHOL) will provide cumulative reporting for all Hepatitis A, B and C serology, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C viral loads and HIV 1/2 serology. HIV Viral Loads have been reported cumulatively since February 26, 2011 and this functionality will continue.

A cumulative report will provide up to 10 previous results for the same test under the following conditions:

1. The patient's Health Insurance Number (HIN) was provided and the patient identifiers (name, HIN and date of birth) match a previous record(s) for the same test.
2. Previous results were reported in the current PHOL Laboratory Information System (LIS) database. (Note: Historical data on the reports captures data for samples submitted after April 26, 2010 and for HIV viral loads it captures data after July 26, 2010.)

If a previous sample for the same test was not reported in the current LIS, the cumulative report will indicate "No historical data found." If a test on a previous sample was cancelled, the reason for cancellation will appear as part of the cumulative report. Hepatitis B and HIV 1/2 serology ordered as part of a prenatal panel is included in all Hepatitis B and HIV 1/2 serology cumulative reporting.

Only cumulative results for the current test being requested will appear on a report. For example, a first-time HIV 1/2 screen on a patient with multiple test results for a Hepatitis marker would not generate a cumulative Hepatitis report. In this case the current HIV 1/2 screen would be reported with a note of "No Historical Data Found."

#### For further information:

- Call the PHOL Customer Service Centre at 416 235 6556 or toll free at 1 877 604 4567
- PHOL Specimen Collection information is available at <http://www.oahpp.ca/services/specimen-collection-guide.html>
- PHOL Labstracts are available at <http://www.oahpp.ca/resources/labstracts.html>
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