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To whom it may concern

RE: DISCONTINUATION OF CLONALITY TESTING

Effective October 1, 2022 the Molecular Genetics Laboratory will no longer offer B Cell Clonality or T Cell Clonality testing. For the assessment of clonality in lymphocyte populations, healthcare providers are directed to flow cytometry testing, which can offer greater sensitivity and specificity for clonality than PCR-based clonality testing. Please see the KHSC Laboratory Test Directory for appropriate specimen types, requirements, and requisitions: <https://est.omni-assistant.net/kggh-lab/MasterSearch.aspx>

For formalin fixed specimens which are not suitable for flow cytometry testing, specimens will be sent out to Trillium Health Partners (THP) for PCR-based testing. Please complete a THP Molecular Oncology & Hematology Testing Requisition:

https://www.thp.ca/patientservices/genetics/Documents/3978%20D_Interactive.pdf#search=clonality

Please forward the specimen and completed requisition to our Molecular Genetics Laboratory (Douglas 4, room 8-421) for send out to THP.

For any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Dr Harriet Feilotter (hf4@queensu.ca) or Dr Graeme Quest (graeme.quest@kingstonhsc.ca)

Sincerely,



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