

Memorandum

To: Darlene MacKinnon, MSJ Site Leader

From: Dr. Enid Edwards, Director of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
Kat Martinuk, Manager of Laboratory Operations

Date: October 21, 2014

Re: **Discontinuation of on-site bone marrow procurement for analysis at MSJ**

Bone marrow biopsy and aspiration is a rarely performed test procedure at MSJ resulting in diminished competency of both technologists and pathologist who are involved with the procedure. Therefore, decision has been made to discontinue bone marrow procurement for diagnostic testing at Mount Saint Joseph effective November 1, 2014.

If any patient is thought to require bone marrow analysis, please communicate requests to the MSJ Laboratory Site Coordinator, Joanne Vlahovic. Requests will then be forwarded to a St. Paul's Hematopathologist for consultation.