



**CLINICAL CHEMISTRY AND IMMUNOLOGY MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 28, 2015

**TO:** SJH Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Educators and Clinical Managers

**FROM:** Dr. Tony Chetty, Discipline Director, CORE and Clinical Chemistry/Immunology Laboratories

**RE: BICARB**

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Please note that effective December 1, 2015, the routine “lytes” order panel (Na, K, Cl) will not automatically include bicarb (CO<sub>2</sub>).

Bicarb (CO<sub>2</sub>) will still be orderable as a separate test.

This change in process will improve laboratory utilization and standardise ordering practices across the city.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

For further information about these changes, please contact:

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