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TO: SHA Saskatoon and area Physicians and Ordering Practitioners; SHA Laboratory Managers; Saskatoon Clinical Nurse Educators; Saskatoon Out of Scope Managers

FROM: Laboratory Medicine- Saskatoon Biochemistry Laboratory

RE: **Methodology change for CRP – June 15, 2026**

The Biochemistry Laboratories in Saskatoon will be changing the methodology for CRP effective **June 15, 2026**. Changes in ordering and result reporting are summarized below:

Ordering

- New test codes:
 - **CRP4:** Conventional CRP, for acute inflammation/infection
 - **HSCR:** high-sensitivity CRP, for cardiovascular risk assessment
- These tests are not interchangeable.
- Please note that only high sensitivity CRP is currently listed on the community requisition and conventional CRP (CRP4) must be requested manually when indicated.

Test reflex

- If high-sensitivity CRP is ordered and reported result is >10 mg/L, CRP4 will be automatically ordered by lab.

Specimens

- Specimen type: no change (**lithium heparin gel tube**)

Reporting

- Unit: mg/L
- Conventional CRP (CRP4) range: 3–400 mg/L
- High-sensitivity CRP (CRPHS) range: 0.2–10 mg/L

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