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Dear AHCDC and CANHC Member:

As most of you are aware, the National Inherited Bleeding Disorder Genotyping Laboratory in Kingston is in the process of obtaining formal accreditation of this AHCDC supported facility. We are hoping that this process will be successfully completed later this year.

As part of the multifaceted activities that are required to satisfy the accreditation body, we have undertaken a number of changes to the infrastructure of the Laboratory. These are summarized below -

1. We have a new website at - <http://www.nibdgl.ca/>
2. New requisition and patient consent forms can be downloaded from the Laboratory website under the "Forms" tab.
3. New instructions for sample collection and shipment are also available at the end of the respective hemophilia A and B, and VWD testing pdf forms on the website.
4. Please note that incomplete requisitions could result in a delay of testing.

Finally, in light of the fact that we are now in the final stages of preparing for our accreditation review, this activity will take up an increasing amount of our time during the next 4-6 months. This may result in a delay in reporting our routine samples. Please ensure that if you have urgent cases for genetic testing that this is indicated on the test requisition and we will attend to these samples as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your support and understanding. We look forward to serving your genetic requests as a newly accredited laboratory later this year.



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