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Reminder of FOBT Cards Approaching Expiry Dates

Dear Health Care Practitioner:

The laboratory is beginning to receive FOBT cards, completed by patients, which are past their expiry date. These cards cannot be tested. The patient has to be recalled and the samples recollected. This means that the patient has lost time in obtaining results and has the inconvenience of going through another set of collections.

We acknowledge that sometimes there is a delay between the patient receiving the cards and performing the sampling. This means that a card that was within expiry date when provided to the patient may be past expiry when the sample collection is done.

What This Means to You

To prevent receiving expired FOBT cards, we ask you to review your inventory and remove any expired cards as well as cards with an upcoming expiry date. We suggest that cards should be removed from inventory at least 1 month before their expiry date. This should allow for delays in sample collection and delivery to the laboratory.

Note that this applies to both the red (non-program) and the green (program) cards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick St. Louis".

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