

Lab Important Update

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Re:	New Glucose Meter for Acute Care Facilities

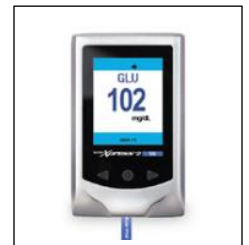
Background

In May 2019, PHSA announced that Roche contract for Capillary Blood Glucose Meters would end March 2020. Provincial Committee made the decision to onboard to the Health PRO/Nova contract for POC Blood Glucose Meters in order to meet clinical mandatory requirements. Due to unforeseen circumstances, NH has had to remain in the current contract with Roche, until the new meters could be implemented.

In alliance with PHSA, Northern Health will be switching over to new glucometer instruments provided by Nova. The switch will be take place by the end of 2020.

New Information

The new meter chosen to replace Roche Accu-Chek Inform II is the Nova *StatStrip* Glucose Meter. This meter was chosen because it has no known interference and corrects for hematocrit, maltose and other interferences that can cause erroneous results.



Action

The new *StatStrip* Glucose Meters will be sent to your facility by the Laboratory at your site. Managers can order the supplies through e-Rex.

Ordering Information

Nova StatStrip Xpress Glu-Test Strips	e-Rex # 5805090	Nova catalog # 42214
Nova StatStrip Xpress Control Level 1	e-Rex # 5006528	Nova catalog # 47553
Nova StatStrip Xpress Control Level 2	e-Rex # 5006529	Nova catalog # 47554

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Training

- The initial training will be provided by Nova Project team and Point of Care Department. Details about the training will be given to the Managers or Clinical Educators at a later date when a training plan has been developed.
- Training materials and procedures are available on the [Point of Care Testing](#) page on OurNH.
- Training will be provided through the Learning Hub course [StatStrip Glucose Monitoring System](#) and followed up by the Managers or Clinical Educators

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