Medical Laboratory Week: April 13-19

Medical Laboratory Week is a time to celebrate and recognize the invaluable contributions of lab professionals and pathologists across the province. Their work is critical in supporting the health care system and ensuring accurate, timely diagnoses for patients.

The Impact of Laboratory Professionals:

- Lab results inform over 70% of clinical decisions in B.C., making their contributions essential to patient care.
- Medical laboratory professionals include:
 - o Medical laboratory assistants
 - Medical laboratory technologists
 - Combined laboratory x-ray technologists
 - Diagnostic cytology technologists
 - o Clinical genetics technologists
 - o Laboratory medicine physicians
 - o Administrators
- These professionals play a key role in collecting and analyzing blood and tissue samples, interpreting and distributing results, and ensuring quality assurance.
- Their expertise supports clinical decisions across various medical fields, including cancer diagnoses and treatment planning.

Thank you to all medical laboratory professionals for your dedication to providing high-quality, evidenceinformed, appropriate, and cost-effective laboratory services. Your work is essential in ensuring British Columbians receive the best possible care.

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Social Media Engagement:

Multiple locations across the lower mainland will have indigo light displays throughout Medical Laboratory Week. We encourage everyone to take pictures and post the lights on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>X</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>.

- April 13th BC Place, Vancouver Convention Centre
- April 15th Port Coquitlam City Hall, Burrard Street Bridge, Vancouver City Hall, Legislative Assembly of British Columbia (in Victoria), Science Dome at Science World, Canada Place Sails of Light
- April 15-19th Skywalk at Kelowna General Hospital

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