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To: All registered medical laboratory technologists

Dear Sir/Madam,

Performance of Medical Tests without Proper Referral

Recent press reports have raised concern that some medical laboratories may have conducted medical tests without doctor's referral. This letter serves to remind medical laboratory technologists that the Code of Practice issued by the Medical Laboratory Technologists Board provides, among other things, that no registrants should –

- perform tests for the purpose of medical diagnosis or treatment in the absence of a referral from a registered medical, dental or veterinary practitioner, or a person registered in respect of a medical clinic exempted under section 8(1) of the Medical Clinics Ordinance (Cap 343); and
- knowingly accept, obtain, assist in obtaining or report on any specimen for the purpose of medical diagnosis or treatment of disease, or make any investigation for such a purpose unless the diagnosis or treatment is to be performed by a registered medical, dental or veterinary practitioner, or a person registered in respect of a medical clinic exempted under section 8(1) of the Medical Clinics Ordinance.

If the Board receives a complaint or information alleging that a registered medical laboratory technologist has breached the Code, the concerned registrant may be subject to disciplinary proceedings.

Yours sincerely,



(Eugene Bartholomeusz)
for Secretary

Medical Laboratory Technologists Board