

New! Laboratory Safety Event Report Form

Go Live August 27th, 2014 (end of day) For BC PSLS Reporters & Handlers

What is changing?

On August 27th, 2014, BC PSLS will offer a new specialty report form for users in all Health Authorities: the Laboratory Safety Event Report Form. Use this form to report an unexpected, undesired occurrence or patient safety event involving laboratory testing, including point of care testing (POCT), at any stage (ordering, order entry and processing, sample collection, analysis and post-analysis reporting of results) and from any location (laboratory, patient care unit, emergency department, etc.).

New! Laboratory Patient Safety Event Report icon



Why is this change being made?

Laboratory events are one of the 'Top 5' categories of safety events reported and account for approximately 12% of all safety events reported in our provincial database. The new **Laboratory Safety Event Report Form** asks targeted questions and uses clearer language, making reporting easier and more efficient, and allowing us to capture just the right information about these events. A more consistent approach to collecting this information gives us better data quality from across the province, which is used to support learning and improvement.

What do I need to do differently?

The new **Laboratory Safety Event Report Form** will be available on the BC PSLS Landing Page on August 27th (end of day). To report a patient safety event involving laboratory testing, select the new icon and complete the report.

Where can I find more information?

Visit our website www.bcpslscentral.ca or contact the BC PSLS Coordinator at your Health Authority.

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