## **LABORATORY NETWORK NEWS**

A Message from our Executive Director, David Langstaff.....

I am pleased to share with you the next evolution of the HNHB LHIN Laboratory Medicine Network, supported by all of the hospitals whose logos you see below! WELCOME EVERYONE!!

The Laboratory Medicine Network was formed with partner hospitals in June of 2012 with a primary goal of building a fully integrated, leading practice, best in quality, regional laboratory system serving both the community hospital and academic/ research hospital needs.

Throughout 2012 and 2013, working together, we successfully achieved the following milestones:

- 1. Creation of a standardized Quality Improvement Plan for Laboratory Service
- 2. Purchase of state of the art Automation Technology for Microbiology testing
- 3. Development of a Regional Microbiology Service, including consolidation of testing
- 4. MOHLTC approval to move to Stage 1B in the Capital Planning Process.

In June 2014, our inaugural Chair of the LHIN Laboratory Council, Mr. Eric Vandewall, will have completed his 2 year term and I am pleased to share that this responsibility will be assumed by Mr. James Hornell, President and CEO, Brant Community Health System. Eric, Jim and I will work together throughout the summer months to Mr. ensure a smooth transition and further advance our evolution as an integrated laboratory medicine program. I look forward to meeting with all laboratories in our region over the next few months and working together to develop our Vision and Strategic Priorities for Laboratory Medicine. If you have any questions for me, please reach out at <a href="mailto:AskDavid@hhsc.ca">AskDavid@hhsc.ca</a>.

















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