

Date: June 27, 2019

To: All Physicians, Nurse Managers, Educators and Practitioners, Laboratory Director and Managers

From: SHA Anatomic Pathology Laboratories, Saskatoon Acute Care sites

Re: New prefilled formalin containers

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Key Messages:

- Effective June 27, 2019, the AP Division of Laboratory Medicine has implemented the use of AffirmSeal 90mL prefilled formalin jars. This is a change from the 90 mL yellow top containers that were manually filled with formalin by laboratory staff. Availability of the formalin containers will not change.

Why this is important:

- The AffirmSeal jars feature a plastic mold design that creates two clearly audible and tactile “clicks” when the lid is properly secured. This provides confirmation that the specimen is secure, helps to prevent leakage, and offers an added level of safety from formalin fumes for couriers and our technologists and other laboratory staff.

Actions Required:

- When attaching the lid to the formalin container, **it is essential that the lid is tightened until you hear/feel the “click” that indicates that the lid is properly secured.** This ensures the safety of the specimen and prevents leakage of formalin.

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