



**PERSONAL MESSAGE AND GREETINGS FROM
HONOURABLE GEORGE ABBOTT
MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES**

NATIONAL MEDICAL LABORATORY WEEK

APRIL 19-25, 2009

Dear Mr. Davis,

During National Medical Laboratory Week, which runs from April 19-25, 2009, I would like to acknowledge the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science as well as the BC Society of Laboratory Science.

For more than 20 years, these two societies have worked together to promote the medical laboratory profession by sponsoring this important week of recognition. This year's theme, *Medical Laboratory Professionals: The Diagnostic Engine of Canada's Health Care System*, highlights the wide range of expertise that medical laboratory professionals provide every day.

Medical laboratory professionals play an integral role in the health of British Columbians and all Canadians. As the third-largest medical profession in the province, B.C. medical laboratory professionals provide critical information that is used in up to 85 per cent of decisions about diagnosis and treatment.

The BC Society of Laboratory Science is essential to the continuation of high standards of health care services in our province. They ensure that leadership, representation, education and fellowship are maintained for their members throughout B.C.

Thank you for raising awareness of the importance of medical laboratory professionals to British Columbians, and for promoting lifelong learning to the 14,000 members of Canada's medical laboratory community.

Yours truly,

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