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Laboratory Bulletin

DATE:	March 23, 2021
TO:	All Healthcare providers
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) Communications
RE:	APL Laboratory Requisition Generator Launched on APL Website

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Key Message:

- Effective March 23, 2021, APL has launched a <u>laboratory requisition generator</u>, allowing healthcare providers to create a PDF version of commonly used laboratory requisitions with pre-populated Connect Care identification numbers (CC IDs).
- Successful implementation of Connect Care, including Waves 1 and 2 launched in 2019 and 2020 as well as Wave 3 on April 10 2021*, requires the use of new CC IDs, which are accommodated on the current version of lab requisitions and should be used immediately. A lab bulletin (<u>Connect Care Identifiers for Immediate Use</u>) was distributed on February 22 2021, providing guidance regarding use of CC IDs with laboratory requisitions.
- A recent audit indicated that a high percentage of requisitions being received by the laboratory have not yet implemented CC IDs, and there is also a high percentage of incomplete or illegible requisitions, which inhibits the ability to provide timely test results to the appropriate ordering physician location. This new tool facilitates the proper completion lab requisitions by creating a pre-populated PDF. Additional requisitions will be added to this tool in upcoming months.

Action Required:

- Be sure to use the updated requisitions from Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL), DynaLIFE. The most upto-date general requisitions and instructions for how to complete them are provided in the following links:
 - o APL Laboratory Requisition Generator
 - Additional APL specialty requisitions
 - APL Lab Requisition Completion Aid
 - Dynalife Requisitions
- If you use eDelivery for Results Routing your Connect Care IDs should already be loaded in your EMR.
 Start using them NOW on your requisitions. If your EMR is missing your Connect Care IDs, please contact your EMR vendor for support.

Where can I find more information?

- CC ID issues: <u>AHSProvider.Requests@albertahealthservices.ca</u>
- Wave 3 CC ID Information (with guides to using CC IDs on various requisitions):
 - https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/cis/if-cis-cc-wave-3-identifiers.pdf
- Information for Providers who work within AHS and in a private/community practice: https://publicshare.albertahealthservices.ca/Main/assets/cmio/AHS_CC_FAQ_Results-Routing-Mixed-Context_CMIO.pdf
- Community Information: ahs.ca/ccproviderbridge
- Connect Care Information: ahs.ca/connectcare



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* Sites that are launching Connect Care in Wave 3 include those in Grande Prairie, Peace River, Beaverlodge, Fairview, Grimshaw, Manning, McLennan, High Prairie, Spirit River, Valleyview, Grande Cache, Fox Creek, High Level, Fort Vermilion and La Crete.

Questions and Feedback regarding the APL Requisition Generator can be provided to:

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