



DATE:	2022 April 4
TO:	Peace Region Hospitals that Refer to Grande Prairie Regional Hospital
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RE:	Body Fluid Tube Type Change

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Key Message

- All body fluids submitted for chemical analysis to the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital (GPRH) need to be placed in a sterile container, although red top (no additive) tubes and gold top (serum separator tube) tubes are also acceptable.

Background

- Current acceptable tube type is dark green (sodium heparin). In order to provincially align practices and following biochemistry recommendations, our acceptability criteria is changing to a sterile container, however, a red top or gold top tube is also acceptable.

How this will impact you

- Be aware of the changing acceptability requirements.

Effective immediately

Questions/Concerns

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