

DATE:	2021 October 4
TO:	All Physicians, Nurses, Laboratory Staff
FROM:	APL Laboratory Services
RE:	Discontinuation of Stool Testing for Eosinophils

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Key Message

- Effective **October 5, 2021**, Stool for Eosinophil testing will be discontinued provincially.

Background

- Due to the low volume of testing, limited clinical utility, and difficulty of interpretation, Alberta Precision Laboratories will no longer perform testing for eosinophils on stool samples.

How this will impact you

- Stool for Eosinophils will be discontinued and removed from test directories in all zones.

Questions or Concerns may be directed to

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