

DATE:	2021 December 13
TO:	All Lethbridge and Area Physicians and Healthcare Providers, Laboratory Staff
FROM:	Clinical Biochemistry, South Sector, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Testing

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Key Message

- Effective **December 15, 2021**, Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) testing will resume at the Chemistry department at Chinook Regional Hospital.
- HbA1c testing will be performed on the Roche Cobas Pro® analyzers. Hemoglobin variants will no longer be detected with this new method.

How this will impact you

- HbA1c testing will no longer be referred out to the Diagnostic Scientific Centre (DSC) in Calgary resulting in a faster turnaround time.

Action Required

- Order HBA1C for HbA1c testing requests.

Effective

- December 15, 2021

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