

DATE:	2021 November 15
TO:	All Physicians and Submitting Care Providers, QEII Hospital, Grande Prairie Community and Referral Health Centres
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL), DynaLIFE Medical Labs
RE:	Impacts of the Move to Grande Prairie Regional Hospital on Microbiology Testing

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Key Message

- On November 22nd, 2021, the Laboratory's Department of Microbiology will begin its transition from the QEII Regional Hospital to the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital (GPRH).
- To accommodate continuity of testing, and provide time to commission moved analytical equipment, effective November 15th, all microbiology testing will be temporarily referred to DynaLIFE Dx in Edmonton.
- Possible increased turn-around times will be mitigated by increasing the courier services to Edmonton to occur every 12 hours and providing for stat transport in extenuating circumstances.

Why this is important/ how this will impact you

- All test orders will continue to be processed as requested
- There may be a delay in normal turnaround times for those samples that are sent to Edmonton; delays are being mitigated by increasing courier frequency and providing stat transportation in extenuating circumstances
- Onsite testing availability will continue for Stat CSF gram stains, *Trichomonas vaginalis* antigen test Bacterial Vaginosis stains, rapid HIV, rapid RSV/Flu, and rapid Covid

Action required

- Ensure that you and your staff are aware of the information above to facilitate a smooth transition during the GPRH move window. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Brent Mendez at 587-202-3750 or allen.mendez@aplabs.ca , or Dr. Tatiana Dragan at 780-616-1245 or tatiana.dragan@albertahealthservices.ca

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