

DATE:	March 3, 2022
TO:	All Grey Nuns Community Hospital & Misericordia Community Hospital Physicians, Nurses and Clinical Support Staff
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	Laboratory going live on Connect Care at the Grey Nuns Community & Misericordia Community Hospitals

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Key Message

As of May 14, 2022, all laboratory functions provided by Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) located at the Grey Nuns Community Hospital & Misericordia Community Hospital will be performed using Connect Care.

Background

On November 3, 2019, many laboratory functions across Edmonton Zone, including the labs located at the Grey Nuns Community Hospital & Misericordia Community Hospital, transitioned to Connect Care for:

- All Anatomical Pathology and Cytology
- All Transfusion Medicine functions
- All laboratory functions provided by the APL laboratories based at the University of Alberta Hospital and those provided by DynaLIFE Medical labs

Connect Care identifiers were circulated and are mandatory on all laboratory requisitions.

How this will impact you

Result Viewing & Report Delivery

- There is no lab results interface between Connect Care and VAX, therefore results and collection information will not be visible in VAX.
- Results will continue to be available in the following ways: established print schedules (batched or STAT print jobs), Connect Care, NetCare, EDIS and eCritical.

Additional Changes

- As part of the Connect Care transformation, there has been standardization in laboratory nomenclature, reporting and processes to ensure that a single Electronic Medical Record will be feasible.
- Many test names have changed. The [Alberta Precision Laboratories Test Directory and Collection Information Guide](#) (aka Guide to lab Services) contains information with the legacy system names as well as the new Connect Care Terminology.
- Whenever feasible, standardization of reference ranges have been established.
- Gender X and Gender Unknown reference ranges were created that span the highest and lowest value limits of the male and female parameters. Extra caution is advised in interpreting the results within your individual patient's clinical presentation.



Action Required

- All clinical areas must review their report delivery method, plus review current state batch print schedules and prepare for the potential of increased volume of paper being printed.
- Clinical areas not live on Connect Care must use Connect Care identifiers to ensure accurate report delivery.

Effective May 14, 2022

Questions/Concerns

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