

DATE:	2022 February 07
TO:	All Lethbridge and Area Physicians and Healthcare Providers, Laboratory Staff
FROM:	Clinical Biochemistry, South Sector, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	Referral of Calcium Fluid Testing

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Key Message

- Effective **February 7, 2022**, Calcium Fluid testing will no longer be performed at Chinook Regional Hospital in Lethbridge.
- Testing will be referred to the Diagnostic Scientific Centre in Calgary.

How this will impact you

- Requests for Calcium Fluid are infrequent. Testing requires acidification prior to analysis so consolidating testing in Calgary will provide greater consistency in sample handling and result quality.
- Referral of testing will result in an increased turnaround time for this test.

Action Required

- Order CAFLURO for Calcium, fluid testing. Refer to the [APL Test Directory: Calcium, Fluid - Calgary Zone](#) for specimen collection instructions.
- Body fluid instructions have been updated.

Effective

- February 7, 2022

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