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| DATE: | 2022 August 10 |
| TO: | Central Zone Physicians and Nursing Staff |
| FROM: | Clinical Biochemistry, South Sector, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) |
| RE: | Referral of Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Testing |

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Key Message

- Due to staffing pressure and upcoming transition of community samples testing to Dynalife Labs, effective August 15, 2022, the Chemistry department located at the Red Deer Regional Hospital, will start referring out testing for Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) to Dynalife Base Lab in Edmonton.
- For samples collected in Hanna, Drumheller and Three Hills Health Centers, testing will be referred out to the Diagnostic Scientific Centre in Calgary.
- Results will be available in Netcare and Physician Office Systems (POS).

How this will impact you

- Anticipated turnaround time is 24 – 72 hours depending on time of collection.
- When an HBA1C1 order is placed on August 15 and thereafter, there will be a pop up indicating that "*HBA1C is currently unavailable. Delete HBA1C1 and order HBA1CRO instead*".
- There will be no impact to specimen collection procedures.

Action Required

- Order HBA1CRO to order HbA1c.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to

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