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| DATE: | 2022 February 7 |
| TO: | All Lethbridge and Area Physicians and Healthcare Providers, Laboratory Staff |
| FROM: | Clinical Biochemistry, South Sector, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) |
| RE: | Referral of Stool pH Testing |

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Key Message

- Effective **February 7, 2022**, Stool pH testing will no longer be performed at Chinook Regional Hospital in Lethbridge.
- Testing will be referred to the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary.

How this will impact you

- Requests for Stool pH are infrequent and generally not urgent.
- Centralizing testing to Calgary will result in prolonged turnaround times for this test.

Action Required

- Order PHSTLRO for Stool pH testing. Refer to the [APL Test Directory: pH, Stool – Calgary Zone](#) for specimen collection instructions.
- Stool sample should be delivered to the laboratory immediately after collection.

Effective

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