

<b>DATE:</b>	2022 January 13
<b>TO:</b>	North, Edmonton and Central Zones
<b>FROM:</b>	Genetics and Genomics
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Referred out Testing Due to Staffing Shortage</b>

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### Key Message

- Effective January 10<sup>th</sup>, some of the routine testing performed by the Biochemical Genetics Lab, Genetics and Genomics North Sector will be temporarily sent to a referral testing site(s). In-house testing of routine specimens will resume when an adequate level of staffing is restored.

Affected tests include:

- Organic Acids, Screen
- Carnitine, Total and Free, Blood
- Mucopolysaccharide (Glycosaminoglycan) Screen

### Background

- Due to an unexpected staffing shortage, some routine testing will be referred out for analysis. All STAT samples will be still analyzed in-house. Organic Acids, Screen testing will be referred out to Mayo Clinic Laboratories, and Carnitine, Total and Free, Blood and Mucopolysaccharide (Glycosaminoglycan) Screen will be sent to Biochemical Genetics Laboratory at the Alberta Children's Hospital.

### How this will impact you

- There is no change in sample type or volume collection.
- Turnaround times may be affected by this referred out process.

Reports:

- Connect Care Users - Reports will be scanned and made available in Connect Care.
- Non-Connect Care Users - Reports will be sent directly to the ordering provider.

### Action Required

- For urgent cases please contact Dr. Iveta Sosova.

### Effective

- Monday, January 10, 2022.

### Questions/Concerns

- Dr. Iveta Sosova, Lab Head and Biochemical Geneticist, (780-407-7379), [Iveta.Sosova@aplabs.ca](mailto:Iveta.Sosova@aplabs.ca)

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