

<b>DATE:</b>	2022 January 10
<b>TO:</b>	High Prairie Clinical Staff
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<b>RE:</b>	<b>Resumption of Transfusion Associated Antibody Screens at High Prairie Health Complex</b>

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### Key Message

- The equipment issues communicated out on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 have been resolved and transfusion medicine testing at the High Prairie Health Complex can be reinstated.

### Background

- The Capture R Workstation in the laboratory at High Prairie Health Complex is utilized to perform antibody screens for transfusion medicine testing prior to provision of red cells. Validation of replacement equipment has been completed successfully and processes for monitoring ongoing functionality have been increased.

### How this will impact you

- Turn around times for transfusion medicine testing will improve.

### Effective

- **Immediately**

### Questions/Concerns

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