

DATE:	2022 January 26
TO:	Grande Prairie Community Physicians & Clinical Staff
FROM:	A. Brent Mendez, Regional Laboratory Chief, GPRH.
RE:	Temporary Outpatient and Routine Laboratory Testing Changes in Grande Prairie

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Key Message

- Staffing shortages and high complexity testing training demands render the laboratory at Grande Prairie Regional Hospital challenged to meet routine turn around time metrics at current testing volumes.
- Outpatient laboratory phlebotomy collections performed at Junction Point and College sites as well as all HbA1c specimens collected at these sites and the GPRH will be forwarded to DynaLife Laboratories in Edmonton for testing for a minimum of 1-2 weeks with ongoing assessment of the situation.

Background

- GPRH laboratory is unable to maintain consistent staffing due to vacancies, required covid isolation, and training demands.

How this will impact you

- Tests sent to DynaLife will have increased turn around time due to transportation. Please advise patients accordingly should test results be required within a specific timeframe.
- No change to ordering.
- No change to reporting: All results will be transmitted through Connect Care and Netcare.

Effective

- **Wednesday January 26, 2022**

Questions/Concerns

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