

DATE:	2021 December 6
TO:	All Healthcare Providers
FROM:	Clinical Biochemistry, North Sector, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	Temporary Referral of Urine Citrate to Out-of-Province Laboratory

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Key Messages

- Effective immediately, random and 24 hour urine citrate testing will be temporarily sent to an out-of-province reference laboratory for testing until further notice.

Why this is important

- Due to supply chain challenges, University of Alberta Hospital core laboratory is experiencing a reagent backorder issue for urine citrate testing.
- It is expected that this is a temporary issue and in-province testing will resume in January 2022 upon receipt of reagent delivery
- Urine citrate test results may have a longer turnaround time due to out of province testing.
- For Connect Care users, reports are scanned into Epic and can be found under “Miscellaneous” test.
- For non-Connect Care users, report delivery will be the same as other tests referred out of province.

Action Required

- Be aware reference intervals are different for referred-out reference laboratory.
- Be aware results will not be available in Netcare.

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