



**Appointments for Fine Needle Aspiration Clinic – Central Zone**

<b>Your Appointment:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Red Deer Fine Needle Aspiration Clinic will contact you to book your appointment.</li><li>• Patient contact number provided must be the <b>best</b> number to reach you.</li><li>• The Fine Needle Aspiration Clinic is available Monday from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM.</li></ul>
<b>Prior to Your Appointment:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you are taking blood thinners (Heparin, Warfarin, Aspirin, etc.) notify us at the time this appointment is set up, or let your doctor know.</li><li>• Notify us of any allergies or medications.</li><li>• Fasting is not required.</li></ul>
<b>Arriving at the Fine Needle Aspiration Clinic:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clinic Location: <b>Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre</b> <b>Lower Level Laboratory Administration</b> <b>3942 50A Ave</b> <b>Red Deer, AB T4N 4E7</b></li><li>• You may have a friend or family member attend with you</li><li>• Bring Identification (Provincial Healthcare Card and Driver's License or other photo ID).</li><li>• Arrive 10-15 minutes before your appointment for registration purposes (please leave extra time before your appointment for parking due to major construction at site).</li></ul>
<b>The Fine Needle Aspiration Procedure:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The procedure will be explained to you by the doctor who will answer any questions you may have.</li><li>• You will be asked to sign a consent form before the procedure.</li><li>• You may receive a local anesthetic via needle puncture to numb the procedure area before the Fine Needle Aspiration.</li><li>• The entire procedure may take 30 minutes or less.</li><li>• If you are feeling well, you may drive yourself home.</li></ul>
<b>If you Need to Cancel Your Appointment:</b>	Contact Red Deer Regional Hospital Fine Needle Aspiration Clinic at least 24 hours before your appointment at <b>1-403-343-4735</b> . You may leave a voicemail if needed.
<b>Questions About Your Collection?</b>	Laboratory location, hours and contact information may be found at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="https://myhealth.alberta.ca">https://myhealth.alberta.ca</a></li><li>• By calling Health Link Alberta at 811</li><li>• Alberta Precision Laboratories at 1-877-868-6848</li></ul>