Lab services in Alberta transitioning to Alberta Precision Laboratories

What is happening with lab services in Alberta?

Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) will be the provider of community lab services in Alberta with an agreement in principle to purchase DynaLIFE assets and transition services and staff to AHS/APL.

The agreement with DynaLIFE will enable the transition of both community lab services and employees to APL that will ensure continuity of service and employment.

When will APL take over the assets of DynaLIFE?

It is anticipated that AHS and APL will finalize the agreement by August 31, and full transition will complete by the end of December 2023.

Why has this agreement been reached?

DynaLIFE and APL have always shared a focus on patients, and ensuring the safety, accessibility, and stability of lab services, across Alberta. This is a mutual decision between Dynalife and AHS to best serve Albertans.

What will happen to DynaLIFE staff?

We expect no union job loss resulting from this transition.

Will this improve lab services in Alberta?

APL and DynaLIFE have been working collaboratively to address challenges.

We will continue to address accessibility and efficiency of community lab services, working collaboratively with DynaLIFE staff and leadership throughout this transition.

What will happen to existing lab appointments?

All existing appointments will continue as scheduled.

Albertans can continue to book their lab appointments using the provincial booking system QMe or by calling 1-877-702-4486.

What action is being taken to address wait times and other challenges?

Community lab services is a complex environment. APL has been working, and will continue to work closely with DynaLIFE staff and physicians through this transition.

Hundreds of additional weekly appointments have been added at in-hospital labs in Calgary for community patients.
Additional staff are being recruited so in-hospital labs can continue to expand these community lab appointments.

APL has also contracted additional third-party providers to add additional capacity, which will result in an additional 3,000 appointments per week.

A new community patient service centre is opening in southeast Calgary and expansions at Glenbrook and Airdrie patient service centres, will result in about 2,500 new appointments weekly later this fall.

**Will DynaLIFE continue to provide services in Edmonton and North Zones as they have done for many years?**

Through this agreement, all lab services will be assumed by APL.