

<b>DATE:</b>	22 July 2024
<b>TO:</b>	AHS Physicians and Nursing Staff at Bashaw and Consort
<b>FROM:</b>	APL Central Zone
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Discontinuation of CBC Testing at Bashaw and Consort Laboratories</b>

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### Key Message

- Bashaw and Consort Laboratories will discontinue onsite CBC testing. Routine samples will be transported and tested at reference laboratories. STAT samples will be transported to the nearest testing laboratory.

### Background

- Consort Laboratory and Bashaw Laboratory currently provide CBC analysis on the Beckman Coulter AcT II instruments for community patients. Beckman Coulter has announced the sunsetting of this instrument for the end of July 2024. Due to low volume of testing at both sites, these analyzers will not be replaced upon end of life of the AcT II, and routine CBC testing will be transported to the reference laboratory for each site. There is no change planned to the staffing configuration in Bashaw or Consort

### How This Will Impact You

- Starting July 30, 2024 community patients presenting at Bashaw and Consort Laboratories with requisitions for CBC testing will still be collected, but their specimens routed to reference laboratories for testing. No impact to patient care is anticipated with referring routine CBCs to the reference laboratory. STAT CBC specimens will be transported to the nearest performing laboratory, which is within 30 minutes.
- Both labs will continue to be staffed by CLXT and MLA and will continue to provide DI support as well.

### Action Required

- Continue to refer community patients to Bashaw and Consort for laboratory collections.

### Effective

- Starting July 30, 2024, CBC testing will not be performed on site at Bashaw and Consort laboratories.

### Questions/Concerns

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*Effective September 1, 2023, APL has become the sole provider of all public lab services in Alberta. As a result, community lab services formally provided by DynaLIFE Medical Labs will become the responsibility of Alberta Precision Labs (APL). This change impacts all zones.*