

DATE:	19 August 2024
TO:	All Zones: All Healthcare Professionals and Providers
FROM:	APL Anatomic Pathology Leadership
RE:	Clinician Requested Anatomic Pathology Consultations

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Key Message

- A new test is now available in Epic for clinicians to request a pathologist consult, called **Request for Additional Testing Pathology**.

Background

- Previous requests for a pathologist consultation from clinicians came via email, fax, phone calls, etc. to a specific pathologist. If that pathologist was away there was no method of ensuring that these requests were handled in a timely manner. Pathology has received many requests from clinicians to have a method via Epic to request a consultation, and this test provides that pathway. Community clinicians who do not have access to Epic will continue to use prior methods for consult requests such as fax.

How this will impact you

- The process is streamlined for both clinicians and pathologists. Clinicians will be able to submit specific questions regarding surgical pathology, non-gyne cytology, gyne cytology, or autopsy cases using this new workflow. Pathologists will now follow a new process in Epic to approve or deny these requests.

Action Required

- Clinicians can order **Request for Additional Testing Pathology** in Epic to have specific questions reviewed and answered.

Effective **Immediately**

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.