

DATE:	19 August 2024
TO:	AHS North Zone sites
FROM:	APL Transfusion Medicine
RE:	Notice of CPSA Accreditation Assessment – Fall 2024

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Key Message

- The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) will be performing an on-site assessment of the North Zone Laboratories
 - Edson, Hinton, Grande Cache, and Seton-Jasper during the week of September 9-12, 2024
 - Peace River, Manning, Grimshaw Berwyn, Fairview, Spirit River (Central Peace), and Beaverlodge during the week of September 23-26, 2024
 - La Crete, High Level (Northwest), and Fort Vermilion (St. Theresa) during the week of October 1-3, 2024
 - Fort McMurray (Northern Lights) October 21, 2024
 - Westlock, Wabasca Desmarais, Barrhead, Whitecourt, Mayerthorpe, Fox Creek, and Valleyview during the week of October 28 - November 1, 2024
- CPSA inspectors will also visit clinical areas to assess compliance with standards related to activities performed outside the lab, including transfusion of blood components and blood products.

Background

- CPSA standards require formal training and competency assessment of all medical, clinical and support staff involved in any transfusion related activity.
- The recently revised [AHS Transfusion of Blood Components and Blood Products Policy](#) supports these requirements.
- Provincially standardized education and competency assessment for transfusion of blood components and products is being implemented in a phased-in approach.

How this will impact you

- If your area is involved with ordering, handling, transporting, collection of type and screen, and/or administration of blood components and blood products, CPSA inspectors may visit your area to assess compliance with standards.

Action Required

- Be familiar with the [AHS Transfusion of Blood Components and Blood Products Policy](#).
- Use the *Blood Transfusion Education Requirements* (<https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/Main/assets/tms/hpsp/tms-hpsp-tme-blood-trans-ed-req-dec-tool.pdf>) decision tool to determine the requirements for your role.
- Existing training and competency assessment records must be available to share with inspectors if requested. (e.g. MyLearningLink, Lippincott Procedures, skills days, training records, or other records available at your site).



- Be aware that AHS is in the process of standardizing provincial education and competency assessment for all involved in the process of blood transfusions. For more information visit *Transfusion Medicine Education* (<https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/hpsp/Page26333.aspx>) on Insite.

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.



**North Zone 2024 CPSA Assessments Master Schedule
Revised 2024/07/24**

Site	Assessment Month	Assessment Date	Assessment Time Lab Specific	Assessment Time DI Specific	Combined Lab/DI
Edson	September	September 9, 2024	09:00 to 12:00	09:00 to 12:00	
Hinton	September	September 10, 2024	09:00 to 15:00	09:00 to 15:00	
Grande Cache	September	September 11, 2024	09:30 to 12:30	09:30 to 12:30	
Seton-Jasper	September	September 12, 2024	09:00 to 12:00	09:00 to 12:00	Combined
Peace River	September	September 23, 2024	09:00 to 15:00	09:00 to 15:00	
Manning	September	September 24, 2024	08:30 to 11:30	08:30 to 11:30	Combined
Grimshaw Berwyn	September	September 24, 2024	13:00 to 16:00	13:00 to 15:00	Combined
Fairview	September	September 25, 2024	08:00 to 12:00	08:00 to 12:00	
Spirit River (Central Peace)	September	September 25, 2024	13:30 to 16:30	13:30 to 16:30	Combined
Beaverlodge	September	September 26, 2024	12:30 to 15:00	12:30 to 15:00	Combined
La Crete	October	October 1, 2024	13:00 to 16:00	13:00 to 16:00	Combined
High Level (Northwest)	October	October 2, 2024	09:00 to 14:30	09:00 to 14:30	
Fort Vermillion (St. Theresa)	October	October 3, 2024	08:00 to 11:00	08:00 to 11:00	Combined
Fort McMurray (Northern Lights)	October	October 21, 2024	08:00 to 15:00	08:00 to 15:00	
Westlock	October	October 28, 2024	13:30 to 17:00	13:30 to 17:00	
Wabasca Desmarais	October	October 29, 2024	11:00 to 14:00	11:00 to 14:00	Combined
Barrhead	October	October 30, 2024	09:00 to 12:00	09:00 to 12:00	Combined
Whitecourt	October	October 31, 2024	08:30 to 12:30	08:30 to 12:30	
Mayerthorpe	October	October 31, 2024	13:30 to 16:30	13:30 to 16:30	Combined
Fox Creek	November	November 1, 2024	08:30 to 11:00	08:30 to 11:00	Combined
Valleyview	November	November 1, 2024	13:00 to 16:00	13:00 to 16:00	Combined