

DATE:	5 September 2024
TO:	All Edmonton and North Zone Oral Pathology Submitters
FROM:	APL Anatomic Pathology Leadership, Edmonton Zone
RE:	Changes for Oral Pathology Specimens

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Key Message

- Effective immediately, the provincial **Anatomical Pathology Requisition** will be replacing the current **Request for Oral Pathology Consultation** requisition.
- As part of the changes to the provincial Anatomic Pathology model, after September 3, 2024, all oral pathology specimens submitted from dental offices and dental specialists are being processed at the Edmonton Base Laboratory (EBL). Specimens should be submitted directly to EBL (address below) instead of the University of Alberta Hospital (UAH) for processing. There are no changes to the pathologists who will be reviewing and interpreting these cases.

Background

- As part of the Connect Care transformation for health care delivery in the province, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) has been working to align with Alberta Health Services (AHS) organizational form standards for all requisitions submitted to lab. All APL requisitions are required to use the standardized patient and provider demographic sections.
- As part of the Edmonton Zone Anatomic Pathology Consolidation plan, oral pathology specimen processing has moved from the UAH to EBL.

How this will impact you

- You must have your Provider, Submitter, and Department ID to complete the requisition. You can find this information using:
<https://provideridlookup.albertahealthservices.ca>
- If contact/eDelivery information changes or providers join or leave your clinic, please update the information with AHS at:
[Request for Provider/Prescriber Set-Up in Health Information Systems \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca/Request-for-Provider/Prescriber-Set-Up-in-Health-Information-Systems)
- Please submit all samples for oral pathology to the EDM Base Laboratory using the address provided below.

Action Required

- Submit oral pathology specimens with all required information using the following requisition:
[Anatomical Pathology Requisition \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca/Anatomical-Pathology-Requisition)
- Please discontinue using the Request for Oral Pathology Consultation requisition, effective immediately.



Send specimens and the completed Anatomic Pathology requisition directly to:

Edmonton Base Lab Anatomic Pathology
200,10150 102 Street
Edmonton, AB
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Effective Immediately

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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.