

DATE:	25 November 2024
TO:	All Zones: All Physicians, Nurses, Laboratory Services Staff
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories – Cytopathology
RE:	Implementation of the New Provincial Non-Gynecological Cytopathology Requisition

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Key Message

- A **NEW** provincial Non-Gynecological Cytopathology Requisition #22204 (2024-11) has been developed and is now available.
- All legacy/zone requisitions should be discarded and replaced with the new provincial form.
- Cytopathology samples and requests must be submitted in accordance with the following laboratory policy:
 - [Acceptance of Laboratory Samples and Test Requests Policy \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca/acceptance-of-laboratory-samples-and-test-requests-policy)
 - [Acceptance of Laboratory Samples and Test Requests Policy - Appendix A \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca/acceptance-of-laboratory-samples-and-test-requests-policy-appendix-a)

Background

- Consistent ordering processes and forms support quality patient care.

How this will impact you

For community sites/clinics that do not have access to Connect Care	Ordering details
NEW - Non-Gynecological Cytopathology Requisition #22204 (2024-11): Non-Gynecological Cytopathology Requisition (albertahealthservices.ca)	Requisition/order to be completed for non-gynecological cytopathology specimens as outlined in the Alberta Precision Laboratories Test Directory: Alberta Precision Laboratories Lab Services (albertahealthservices.ca)
For acute care sites with access to Connect Care	
Order cytopathology testing/consultation through designated Connect Care ordering process.	

Action Required

- Discard/archive existing copies of the following requisitions:
 - [Calgary Non-Gynecological Cytopathology Requisition: REQ9041CY-NON](#)
 - [Central Non-Gynecological Cytology Requisition: 20444\(Rev2023-04\)](#)
 - [Edmonton Nongynecologic Cytopathology Requisition: 20984\(Rev2023-04\)](#)
 - [South Non-Gynecological Cytology Request: 101945\(Rev2017-11\)](#)
- Follow current ordering process to obtain the NEW APL Non-Gynecological Cytopathology Requisition **#22204 (2024-11)**.



- For sites referring samples to DSC/EBL Hub Labs: No change - maintain current electronic ordering form: [Lab Supply Ordering Portal | Alberta Precision Laboratories \(albertaprecisionlabs.ca\)](https://albertaprecisionlabs.ca).
 - To access the lab supply ordering portal, eligible community providers can email cpsmoperations.eoc@ahs.ca with their clinic's contact information along with a request to open an account. Upon receipt of this information, login credentials and details about the ordering portal and its processes will be sent via email.
- Order cytopathology testing/consultation through designated connect care ordering routine.

Effective November 25, 2024

Questions/Concerns

- **North/Edmonton/Central Zones:**
 - Dr.June Hwang, Cytopathology Subspecialty Group Co-Lead, North Sector at june.hwang@albertaprecisionlabs.ca
 - **Calgary/South Zones:** Dr.Steve Gorombey, Cytopathology Subspecialty Group Co-Lead, South Sector at steve.gorombey@albertaprecisionlabs.ca
- **All other general inquiries can be directed to APL Provincial contact: 1-877-868-6848**

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