

<b>DATE:</b>	18 February 2025
<b>TO:</b>	Healthcare Providers at SHEZ Sites (Suburban Hospitals, Edmonton Zone)
<b>FROM:</b>	Clinical Biochemistry, North
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Referral of Occult Blood Stool to University of Alberta Hospital Laboratory</b>

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### Key Message

- Effective February 24, 2025, Occult Blood, Stool currently performed at identified SHEZ sites will be referred to the University of Alberta Hospital Laboratory.
- Sites:
  - Devon General Hospital
  - East Edmonton Health Centre
  - Fort Saskatchewan Community Hospital
  - Leduc Community Hospital
  - Northeast Community Health Centre
  - Redwater Health Centre
  - Strathcona Community Hospital
  - Westview Health Centre

### Background

- This is a very low volume test at identified sites. In addition, this test has very limited clinical utility. This will support more efficient use of resources.

### How this will impact you

- There will be no changes to test orders in Connect Care
- Anticipated turnaround time is 24 hours.

### Action Required

- Be aware of this change

### Questions/Concerns

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