

DATE:	9 June 2025
TO:	Physicians and Clinical Staff in Fox Creek, Grimshaw, Jasper and Manning
FROM:	Alberta Precision Labs – Clinical Biochemistry
RE:	Discontinuation of Neonatal and Conjugated Bilirubin Testing at Fox Creek, Grimshaw, Jasper and Manning Laboratories

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Key Message

- Effective June 17, 2025, Neonatal Bilirubin and Conjugated Bilirubin testing historically performed at the Fox Creek, Grimshaw, Jasper and Manning Laboratories will be discontinued. Total Bilirubin testing remains available on site.
- All orders for Neonatal Bilirubin ≤ 30 days and Conjugated Bilirubin < 5 months as well as STAT orders for Conjugated Bilirubin ≥ 5 months will be referred out as indicated below. Routine Conjugated Bilirubin ≥ 5 months will be referred to Edmonton Base Lab.

Site	Referral Lab
Fox Creek	Grande Prairie
Grimshaw	Peace River
Jasper	Hinton
Manning	Grande Prairie

Background

- This is a part of the ongoing test menu standardization work across rural acute care facility laboratories in Alberta. Affected sites are all very low volume and include those that do not offer obstetrical services and are able to process a STAT request in a reasonable amount of time.

How this will impact you

- Anticipated turnaround time for routine samples is 24 hours.
- Anticipated turnaround time for STAT samples is ≤ 4 hours.

Action Required

- No changes needed for ordering in Connect Care.
- As per normal practices, please contact the local laboratory if STAT transport is required.

Effective **June 17, 2025**

Questions/Concerns

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