

DATE:	23 June 2025
TO:	All Zones: AHS Healthcare Professionals and Providers performing Point of Care Testing
FROM:	Point of Care Testing (POCT), Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	Phased Removal of Epic Enter/Edit Functionality for POCT Test Result Entry

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Key Message

- Beginning June 26, 2025, Epic Enter/Edit (E/E) functionality for POCT test result entry will be removed, using a phased approach.
 - All POCT patient results must be documented through the provincial POCT middleware, AegisPOC, either automatically with connected devices or through manual test result entry (MTRE) for unconnected devices. This workflow facilitates positive patient identification and complete patient test result documentation in Connect Care, including Epic and Netcare.

Background

- Epic E/E POCT result entry was introduced in Connect Care Launch 1 as an **interim** workflow to allow for basic documentation of POCT test results for unconnected devices.
- There are serious drawbacks to the E/E workflow compared to AegisPOC MTRE, such as: 1) results are not in Netcare, 2) up to date reference intervals and other testing information do not appear alongside results, 3) results cannot be trended, 4) results cannot be retrieved within lab data analysis requests, and 5) test frequency cannot be tracked to automatically recertify POCT operators.
- Some Epic E/E test result entries are rarely used and will be decommissioned as part of Phase 1 on **Thursday June 26, 2025** (see Appendix 1). Anticipated clinical impact is minimal.
- More frequently used Epic E/E tests will be decommissioned in future phases once communications and educational resources have been provided to clinical areas to support these changes (see Appendix 1).

How this will impact you

- You will no longer be able to use Epic E/E test result entry for the POCT test orderables within in Phase 1.
- You must use appropriate AegisPOC MTRE workflows to document POCT results in Connect Care and Netcare located here: [Insite.ahs.ca/Teams](https://insite.ahs.ca/Teams) > [Lab Services](#) > [Our Services](#) > [Point of Care Testing > Connect Care Resources](#). These workflows are **only** available to clinical areas that perform POCT under the support and guidance of APL POCT.

Action Required

- Review the AegisPOC workflows for POCT devices used in your clinical area.
- If your clinical area is performing POCT that is unsupported by APL POCT, contact your Zone POCT department for further guidance and follow-up.

Questions/Concerns

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Appendix 1. Timeline for Epic Enter/Edit POCT Test Result Entry Removal

Phase	Enter/Edit Test Orderable	Removal Date
Phase 1	POCT B-Type Natriuretic Peptide (NT-ProBNP) Manual* POCT Chemistry 8 Manual* POCT Creatinine* POCT HbA1c Manual* POCT Hemoglobin Manual* POCT Thromboelastometry (Rotem) Manual* POCT HIV Rapid Assay Manual**	26 June 2025
Phase 2***	POCT INR Manual*	TBD (Fall 2025)
Phase 3***	POCT Pregnancy Urine Manual POCT Urinalysis Dipstick Manual	TBD
Phase 4***	POCT AmnioTest Manual POCT AmniSure Manual AHS Non-Connected Glucose Meter POCT Manual POCT Bilirubinometry Manual	TBD

*Orderables are for connected devices, therefore the results already flow automatically into Connect Care and Netcare. Duplicate orderable is being removed.

**Test is no longer in use at the point of care in AHS.

***Tests may be shifted to other phases as dictated by resource availability.