

DATE:	7 July 2025
TO:	All Zones: Physicians, Nurses and Healthcare Providers, Laboratory Staff
FROM:	Clinical Biochemistry
RE:	Temporary Referral of Urea Breath Testing to Dynacare

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Key Message

- **Effective immediately, July 7 2025**, the Urea Breath Test (UBT) [LAB572] will be temporarily referred out of province to Dynacare as necessary repairs are performed on Alberta Precision Labs (APL) instruments.
- There will be no change to how the UBT is currently ordered by healthcare providers, and sample collection procedures will remain unchanged.
- Laboratory staff at Edmonton Baselab will cancel the internal APL UBT and re-order the Dynacare test as a "Miscellaneous External Test".

Background

- APL is currently experiencing instrumentation issues for the Urea Breath Test.
- Staff are working diligently to resolve these issues as soon as possible but a delay in repairing the system is expected.
- All Urea Breath Testing for the entire province will be referred out to Dynacare using the same test methodology.
- Additional information about the test can be found on the Dynacare and APL test directories:
 - Dynacare - [Dynacare - H. PYLORI \(UREA BREATH\)](#)
 - APL Community Services (td.albertaprecisionlabs.ca/Tests/Details/234?newPage=0)

How this will impact you

- The Urea Breath Test will remain orderable, but a delay is expected (approximately 2 weeks) to receive results from the referral laboratory.
- Orders for the internal APL UBT will be cancelled with a comment indicated that the test is being sent to a referral lab.
- UBT results from the referral lab will be reported under 'Miscellaneous External Test' via the usual reporting channels (EMR, Netcare and/or fax). Please note that in Netcare the result will appear in the 'Miscellaneous' folder.

Action Required

- Be aware that UBT results will be available under "Miscellaneous External Test".
- There is no need to update order sets or preference lists as test codes will not change.

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Questions/Concerns

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