

DATE:	5 August 2025
TO:	All Zones: Physicians, Nurses and Healthcare Providers, Laboratory Staff
FROM:	Clinical Biochemistry
RE:	Return of Urea Breath Testing (UBT) to Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)

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Key Message

- Alberta Precision Labs (APL) has resumed testing the Urea Breath Test (UBT) [LAB572] after a temporary referral out-of-province to Dynacare.

Background

- APL was experiencing instrumentation issues for the UBT, and samples were being referred out-of-province to Dynacare for testing.
- Repairs to APL instruments are now complete and UBT testing has resumed.

How this will impact you

- All UBT testing will now be performed by APL and delays that may have been encountered with receiving results for referred-out testing are now resolved.
- Results will now be reported via the usual reporting channels under the UBT field.
- For samples that were referred-out to Dynacare for testing, a copy of UBT results will be faxed or mailed to the ordering clinic. Results for referred-out UBT will also appear under 'Miscellaneous External Test' folder in Connect Care.

Action Required

- Be aware that UBT testing has resumed at APL and results will now appear under "Urea Breath Test."

Effective **August 5, 2025**

Questions/Concerns

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