

DATE:	15 September 2025
TO:	All Health Care Providers Using Connect Care
FROM:	Alberta Precision Labs
RE:	Cessation of Automatic Printing of Connect Care Laboratory Requisitions for Ambulatory Patient Orders

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Key Message

- Automatic printing of Connect Care laboratory requisitions for patient blood and urine specimen orders will be disabled effective October 1, 2025.
- The cessation of automatic requisition printing will support more efficient workflows, reduce paper consumption and promote digital integration.
- Manual printing remains available in Connect Care and should only be used when required for patient care or specific collection scenarios.

Background

- Currently, laboratory requisitions for ambulatory clinic patient orders and post discharge orders are automatically printed from Connect Care.
- These paper copies are often unnecessary as laboratory orders are already visible to the patient on the After Visit Summary (AVS) as well as the patient portal (MyChart) and to Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) staff in the Beaker module of Connect Care.

How this will impact you

- Printed Connect Care laboratory requisitions will no longer be required for most clinical scenarios.
- The table summarizes the situations where a printed laboratory requisition is required:

Scenario	Requisition Requirement	Notes/Operational Guidance
Labs ordered in Connect Care from an ambulatory clinic or post discharge.	Connect Care printed requisition is NOT required	Lab orders are visible in Chart Review, Order Review, AVS, and MyChart
Tests ordered for 3 rd -party collection (e.g. out-of-province or private lab)	Connect Care requisition automatically prints when "3rd-Party Collect" is selected under "Class"	Ensure "3rd-Party Collect" class is correctly selected when entering the lab orders
External Send-Out Tests	Connect Care printed requisition is NOT required	A requisition for the External Testing Laboratory may or may not be required. There will be no change to those requirements. Pathologist pre-approval may be needed.
Continuing Care and Corrections sites using external orders	Connect Care requisition automatically prints	This is in current state when labs are entered as external orders and class of "Lab Collect" is selected

- If a requisition is required, please refer to "Printing of Lab Requisitions" Tip Sheet to print a requisition.



Action Required

- Inform your patients that a requisition is not required when coming to an APL location for blood or urine collection as the order has been placed electronically.
- Provide the patient with any other requisitions or patient instructions as required.
- Refer to “Printing of Lab Requisitions “Tip Sheet for detailed instructions.

Effective October 1, 2025

Questions/Concerns

- For prescriber workflow related issues, contact Help Desk at 1-877-31-4300 and submit a ticket.

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