

DATE:	15 September 2025
TO:	Chinook Regional Hospital (CRH) Health Care Professionals/Providers, and Nurses
FROM:	Clinical Biochemistry, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	CRH Chemistry Centrifugation Setting Standardization

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Key Message

- Effective September 23, 2025, CRH Chemistry Laboratory will change centrifugation settings to standardize across regional hospital sites throughout the province and ensure consistent test result quality.
 - Current centrifugation settings are for 5 minutes at 2200 RCF.
 - New centrifugation settings will be for 10 minutes at 1300 RCF.

Background

- Centrifugation settings were identified as an area for standardization across regional hospital sites. This change will help ensure consistency across the province for sample handling and processing.

How this will impact you

- Be aware that turnaround times will increase due to the change in centrifugation settings.

Action Required

- No test ordering changes are required.
- Contact the CRH Chemistry department (403-388-6094) for any inquiries or concerns about turnaround times.

Effective **September 23, 2025**

Questions/Concerns

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