

DATE:	9 April 2026
TO:	All Healthcare Providers
FROM:	Clinical Biochemistry, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	Temporary Routing Change of Lipoprotein (a) [Lp(a)]

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Key Message

- Effective immediately, lipoprotein (a) [Lp(a)] is temporarily unavailable at the Diagnostic Scientific Centre (DSC) community chemistry hub laboratory in Calgary and all Lp(a) orders will be routed to University of Alberta Hospital (UAH) laboratory in Edmonton.

Why this is important

- Due to supply chain shortage identified by the vendor, Alberta Precision Laboratories has very limited supply of reagent for Lp(a) testing.
- There is no alternative method currently available.
- Our team is working with the vendor to address the issue.
- Lp(a) results will be delayed.
- The estimated resumption date is unknown but will be communicated as soon as testing is available.

Action Required

- If possible, consider deferring Lp(a) requests until after the shortage resolves.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to

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