

DATE:	22 June 2026
TO:	All Zones: Healthcare Professionals & Providers of the Point of Care Testing (POCT) Manual Urine Dipstick Program
FROM:	POCT, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	Implementation of Provincially Standardized POCT Manual Urine Dipstick Program

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Key Message

- APL POCT has created a provincially standardized Siemens Manual Urine Dipstick Program.
- Effective July 1, 2026, this revised program will replace current Zone processes, documents and forms for manual urine dipstick testing.

Background

- Previously, there were several separate zone POCT Manual Urine Dipstick programs in use throughout the province. To support improved, effective and standardized workflows, these have been replaced by one provincially standardized program.

How this will impact you

- Be aware of the new APL provincial program, including procedures, quality assurance information and training materials, located on AHS InSite.

(Insite Home > Teams > Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) > Our Services > Point of Care Testing > Provincial POCT Siemens Manual Urine Dipstick Testing Program)
- Follow the necessary steps to educate and inform yourself and your clinical team to familiarize yourself with the new program requirements, processes, documents and forms.

Action Required

- Replace any outdated links or printed resources.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to

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