

DATE:	6 July 2026
TO:	All Ordering Providers and Clinicians
FROM:	Hematopathology, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	Update to Bone Marrow Exam (LAB6) Orderable

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Key Message

- Effective July 9, 2026 the following updates will be made to the Bone Marrow Exam (LAB6) Orderable.
 - New Order Specific Question
 - Laterality:
 - Unilateral – Automatically selects the correct Bone Marrow Sources. Laterality may be selected when ordering or post collection.
 - Bilateral – Selects the Specific Specimen Sources with the laterality entered for all 4 samples
 - Removal of extraneous Specimen Source field

Background

- Request for optimization of the Bone Marrow order to be able to order bilateral bone marrows with one click and to ensure the sources were not conflicting.

Action Required

- Updates to preference lists and OrderSets will be needed
- Ensure all staff who are involved in ordering are aware of the changes

Effective **July 9, 2026**

Questions/Concerns

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