

DATE:	31 August 2026
TO:	All Zones: Healthcare Providers reviewing Lumbar Puncture results
FROM:	Hematopathology, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	New Component Fields for CSF Slide for Review

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Key Message

- Effective **August 25, 2026**, in the test **CSF Slide for Review**, the reporting component called Comment, CSF will be separated into two components; Technologist Comment, CSF and Pathologist Comment, CSF.

Background

- Pathologists were unable to report their comments in the **CSF Slide for Review** order if a comment was previously reported by a Technologist prior to sending for review.
- With this update, Technologists and Pathologists can report their comments independently.

How this will impact you

- For most sites, only the **Pathologist Comment, CSF** will be reported, result status will be listed as "Completed - Final result".
- For Alberta Children's Hospital and University of Alberta Hospital
 - If the **Technologist Comment, CSF** field is reported and result status listed is "Completed - Final result", no further review will occur (based on laboratory defined criteria).
 - If the **Technologist Comment, CSF** field is reported and result status is listed as "Completed - Preliminary result", you can expect a pathologist will review the CSF Slide as well.
 - The pathologist will then report in the **Pathologist Comment, CSF** field and the result status will be listed as "Completed - Final result".

Action Required

- Be aware of new reporting component fields for Technologist and Pathologist comments in CSF Slide for Review.

Effective **August 25, 2026**

Questions/Concerns

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