

DATE:	12 June 2023
TO:	North Sector Lab Staff, Physicians and Nursing Staff
FROM:	Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Laboratory
RE:	Change in Container Type for Drug Testing Performed at GPRH Laboratory

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Key Message

- Preferred container types for Salicylate, Digoxin, Phenytoin, Carbamazepine, Valproate, Gentamicin and Lithium have changed in order to align with the rest of the province.

How this will impact you

- Ensure that you are collecting the preferred collection tube for these drug levels. Connect care has been updated to reflect these changes.

Action Required



The preferred primary container type for Salicylate, Digoxin, Phenytoin, Carbamazepine, Valproate and Gentamicin is now a mint green Lithium Heparin PST tube.

A gold SST tube is available as an alternate.



The primary container type for Lithium is now a gold SST tube.

Effective **Immediately**

Questions/Concerns

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