

<b>DATE:</b>	20 March 2023
<b>TO:</b>	Clients Requesting Adult Autopsies: Physicians, Acute Care Sites, Auxiliary Hospitals, Continuing Care, Supportive Living and Facility Living Programs
<b>FROM:</b>	Provincial Autopsy Subspecialty Group
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Change in Provincial Adult Autopsy Boundaries</b>

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**Key Message**

- The provincial adult autopsy boundaries have recently changed.
- Autopsy requests from the Central Zone north of, and including, Ponoka, are now directed to Edmonton rather than Calgary.

**Background**

- A decision was made provincially to divide the adult medical autopsy coverage of the Central Zone on a geographic basis, to best minimize transportation time and costs for autopsies performed by Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL). This new geographic division more closely aligns with that of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of Alberta.

**Action Required**

- When requesting adult autopsies, ensure the new autopsy coverage boundaries are being followed and the autopsy request has been directed to the correct facility.
- Refer to the [Client Resource- Autopsy Requests Guidelines](#) which can be found linked within the Test Directory under Autopsy Exams.
- See the Adult Autopsy Coverage Map below.

**Effective**

- Immediately



**Adult Autopsy Coverage Map:**



**Questions/Concerns**

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