

DATE:	28 November 2022
TO:	Edmonton Zone Clinicians, Nursing, Admitting, and Laboratory Staff
FROM:	Edmonton Zone Anatomical Pathology, Alberta Precision Laboratories
RE:	Changes to the Autopsy Request Process in Edmonton Zone

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Key Message

- To optimize and streamline workflow for adult autopsies in the Edmonton Zone (EZ), a decision has been made to consolidate all adult autopsies at University of Alberta Hospital (UAH) as of December 1, 2022.
- This means the current workflows for certain sites sending adult autopsy cases to the Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH) will need to be amended to go to UAH instead.
- Perinatal autopsies are unchanged and will continue to be performed at RAH.

How this will impact you

- If your current process is to send adult autopsy cases to the RAH, your process will need to be amended to send autopsy cases to the UAH instead beginning December 2, 2022.

Action Required

- Complete Autopsy Consent and Consultation Request form **20597 (2020-05)** as needed, reviewing pages 3-4 for details on required fields/completion aid.
 - **Web Access:** Form **20597** is available on Alberta Precision Laboratories/Requisition page: [Requisitions | Alberta Precision Laboratories \(albertaprecisionlabs.ca\)](#)
- Review the **Alberta Precision Laboratories** website resource page for further details on autopsy services: [Adult Autopsy | Alberta Precision Laboratories \(albertaprecisionlabs.ca\)](#)
- Review the **Alberta Precision Laboratories Autopsy Test Directory** page for further details on autopsy services: [Alberta Precision Laboratories | Lab Services \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](#)

Effective **December 5, 2022**

Questions/Concerns

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