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TO:	AHS POCT Programs – Connect Care Launch 4
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RE:	Connect Care Launch 4 Readiness – POCT Programs

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Key Message

With the Connect Care Launch 4 rollout, there will be changes to result reporting for POCT devices that may require workflow and clinical practice changes. A controlled connectivity rollover of POCT devices to the POCT AegisPOC data management middleware, and then into the provincial Clinical Information System (Epic) will begin on May 28, 2022.

How this will impact you

Legacy workflows will be modified. Please see below information on new POCT workflows, which can also be found on the provincial [APL Provincial POCT Insite page](#) in the [Connect Care Resources](#) section.

Launch 4 Go-Live device workflows:

Connected devices:

- POCT Device Connect Care Workflows
 - [Roche Accu-Chek Inform II Glucose Meter](#)
 - [Abbott i-STAT1 and i-STAT Alinity](#)
 - [Radiometer ABL90 Flex Plus](#)
 - [Siemens Clinitek Status Plus](#)
 - [Werfen GEM 5000](#)
 - [Siemens DCA Vantage](#)
 - [Siemens CoaguChek XS Pro](#)
 - Werfen Avoximeter 1000E ([documents coming](#))

Unconnected devices:

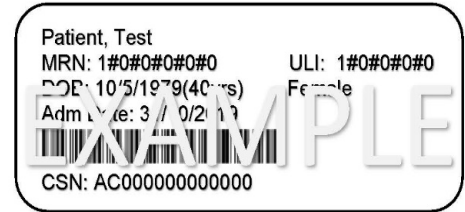
Patient results from unconnected POCT devices will require **manual** entry into Epic using the Epic “**Enter/Edit**” function directly by the person performing the test. See your clinical practice area Connect Care training documents for instruction. The following documents will help guide workflows for unconnected POCT devices:

- Urine Pregnancy Testing
[Specimen Collection & POCT](#) (page 9)
- Manual Urinalysis (Dipstick Method)
[Connect Care Resources | Insite \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](#)
[PO02-010R03 Provincial POCT - AegisPOC - Epic Downtime Urinalysis Result Reporting](#)
- Manual Transcutaneous Bilirubin (TcB) Meter (Newborn Jaundice Screening)
[Document a POCT Bilirubin Result](#)



Adhere to the following requirements when performing POCT:

- Healthcare Professionals / Providers must:
 - Receive POCT certification requirements to access devices.
 - Zone POCT department will provide device access through the POCT middleware system.
 - Barcode scan or manually enter your AHS employee ID barcode number to access POCT devices.
- Patient identification:
 - Each patient must be identified using the valid, Epic-generated patient ID encounter (Contact Serial Number [CSN]).
 - Use of the correct CSN is **REQUIRED**.
 - CSN usage ensures that results flow correctly and uninterrupted to Epic.
 - For additional CSN education see: [AHS POCT Playbook Work Package](#)



Action Required

Be aware of the POCT result reporting changes and workflow requirements coming to your clinical practice area with Connect Care Launch 4.

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Connect Care Launch 4 – May 28, 2022

Questions/Concerns

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