

DATE:	28 November 2022
TO:	Health Care Providers in Central, Edmonton, and North Health Zones
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) and DynaLIFE Medical Laboratories
RE:	Contacting the Microbiologist On-Call for Central, Edmonton, and North Health Zones

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Key Message

- **Effective December 5, 2022**, the microbiologist on-call to contact for multiple sites in Central, Edmonton, and North Zones will be changing.

Background

- Changes to the provision of laboratory services affect the location for microbiology testing.
- Accordingly, the coverage for microbiologist on-call (MOC) consultation is changing.

Action Required

- Continue to consult the regional on-call application (ROCA) online or the local switchboard for contact information. These services will be updated accordingly.
- Based on the patient location, consult the following MOC:

Location	MOC	Contact
Community	DynaLIFE Edmonton	1-780-451-3702
Acute Care Sites (except below)	DynaLIFE Edmonton	1-780-451-3702
Red Deer Regional Hospital Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Northern Lights Regional Health Centre	APL Regional Microbiologist On-Call	1-825-509-0970

- **Public Health Laboratory (ProvLab) testing:** Continue to contact the Public Health Laboratory (ProvLab) Microbiologist On-Call (780-407-8822; UAH switchboard) for tests you would normally contact them for (except as noted below). The ProvLab North (UAH) virologist and microbiology on-call services are being consolidated into one service. Testing at the ProvLab includes viral nucleic acid (PCR) and serology testing, bacterial or fungal serology, out of province lab tests, and organism typing.
- Most University of Alberta Hospital microbiology is moving to the Edmonton DynaLIFE hub lab. Therefore, the following tests for which you would previously consult the UAH/ProvLab microbiologist on-call should be directed to the DynaLIFE microbiologist on-call:
 - Bacterial and Fungal Cultures: blood, CSF, sterile fluids, tissue, bronchoscopy, sputum (including cystic fibrosis), wounds, and urines.
 - *C. difficile*, *Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea* and routine bacterial and parasite gastroenteritis screening.

Questions

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