

DATE:	5 September 2023
TO:	All Physicians, Nursing, Laboratory Staff
FROM:	Anatomical Pathology, Alberta Precision Laboratory
RE:	Discontinuation of Cytodiagnostic Urine Testing

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Key Message

- The Cytodiagnostic Urine Test (CDU) test will be eliminated from the non-gyne cytology test menu on September 11, 2023.
- CDU testing will no longer be offered in Alberta. Specimens received on or after September 11th with a request for CDU will be rejected.
- Urine Cytology testing remains. See APL Test Directory for collection requirements and contact the laboratory if you have questions.

Background

- During Laboratory Services preparation for Dynalife transition and provincial standardization efforts, CDU was reviewed. CDU was only offered at University of Alberta Hospital Laboratory. In consultation with our clinical stakeholders, the decision was made to discontinue this test.

How will this impact you

- CDU testing is no longer available. Urine cytology testing can still be ordered, as needed. Sites on Connect Care can order urine cytology in the system. Sites that do not have access to Connect Care can order urine cytology by submitting the specimen to the laboratory with the designated cytology requisition.

Action Required

- Order urine cytology as needed as outlined in the Dynalife and APL Test Directory:
 - **APL:** [Alberta Precision Laboratories | Lab Services \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca)
 - **Dynalife:** [Test Directory \(dynamylife.ca\)](https://dynamylife.ca)

Effective

- September 11, 2023

Questions/Concerns

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