



Date: February 22, 2021
To: All North Zone Physicians and Healthcare Providers; and APL Managers and Supervisors, MLT II/III, LIC, Accessioning, Clinical Biochemists
From: Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
Re: Discontinuation of Digoxin Measurement at Bonnyville Healthcare Centre

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Key Message:

- Effective **March 1, 2021**, digoxin will no longer be tested on site at the Bonnyville Healthcare Centre
- Specimens will be referred to DynaLife Medical Laboratory in Edmonton
- STAT requests will be cabbed to Edmonton with anticipated turnaround time of 6-8 hours

Why this is Important:

- Requests for digoxin assays are not frequent enough to justify maintaining costly methodology and quality assurance on-site.

Action Required:

- No change in ordering is required. Samples will be redirected automatically by the laboratory.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

- Mireille Kattar, MD, General Pathologist

This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by:

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