



Date: January 25, 2021
To: Central Zone Physicians, Laboratory Directors, Managers, Supervisors
From: Clinical Biochemistry, North Sector, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
Re: Discontinuation of Digoxin testing at St. Mary's Hospital in Camrose and Wainwright Health Centre

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Key Message:

- Effective **February 1, 2021**, digoxin will no longer be tested on-site at St. Mary's Hospital and Wainwright Health Centre.
- Specimens will be referred to DynaLife Medical Laboratory in Edmonton.
- STAT requests will be cabbed to Edmonton with anticipated turnaround time of 4-6 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:

- Dr. Yury Butorin, PhD, Clinical Biochemist

This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by:

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