



DATE:	2021 May 31
TO:	Edmonton Zone Physicians, Nurses, Laboratory Directors, Managers and Supervisors
FROM:	Clinical Biochemistry, North Sector, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	Discontinuation of Gentamycin, Tobramycin and Digoxin at Misericordia Community Hospital (MCH) and Grey Nuns Community Hospital (GNH)

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Key Message

- Effective Monday May 31, 2021, gentamycin, tobramycin, and digoxin will no longer be tested on-site at MCH and GNH.
- Specimens will be referred to Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH).

Background

- Declining orders for gentamycin, tobramycin, and digoxin at MCH and GNH are not frequent enough to justify maintaining costly methodology and quality assurance on-site.

Action Required

- No change in ordering is required. Samples collected at MCH and GNH will be redirected automatically.

Questions/Concerns

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