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TO:	Banff Mineral Springs Hospital and Area: All Physicians and Healthcare Providers; APL Managers and Supervisors, MLT II/III, LIC, Accession, and Clinical Biochemists
FROM:	Clinical Biochemistry, South Sector, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	Discontinuation of Lipid Profile Testing at Banff Mineral Springs Hospital

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Key Message:

- Effective **April 1, 2021**, the lipid profile (cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, triglycerides, and calculated LDL cholesterol) will no longer be measured at the Banff Mineral Springs Hospital.
- Specimens will be referred to APL Chemistry at the Diagnostic and Scientific Centre in Calgary.
- Anticipated turnaround time for routine requests is 24 hours.

Why this is Important:

- Requests for lipid profile testing are routine in nature and results are not typically needed with a turnaround time of less than 60 minutes. This will not affect patient care.
- This change is being implemented to standardize the provincial rural test menu and improve the uniformity of results.

Action Required:

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

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