

DATE:	8 July 2024
TO:	St Therese Healthcare Centre – All Clinical Staff
FROM:	Clinical Biochemistry, Alberta Precision Labs (APL)
RE:	Discontinuation of Lithium Testing in St Therese (St Paul) Laboratory

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Key Message

- Effective 15 July 2024, Lithium Level testing historically performed at the St Therese Healthcare Centre Laboratory will be referred to the Edmonton Base Laboratory.

Background

- A Rural Test Menu Standardization working group was formed to address test menu gaps and find efficiencies.
- Since Lithium Level is a low volume test that is not required urgently, it will be referred out to the Edmonton Base Lab.

How this will impact you

- No changes for test order in Connect Care.
- Anticipated turnaround time is 24 hours.

Effective

- **15 July 2024**

Questions/Concerns

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Effective September 1, 2023, APL has become the sole provider of all public lab services in Alberta. As a result, community lab services formally provided by DynaLIFE Medical Labs will become the responsibility of Alberta Precision Labs (APL). This change impacts all zones.