

DATE:	11 Sept 2023
TO:	Bonnyville, Cold Lake, Elk Point, Lac la Biche, Smoky Lake and St Paul – Laboratory Staff, Nursing, Physicians
FROM:	Dr Mireille Kattar, Diagnostic and Clinical Pathologist
RE:	Discontinuation of Reticulocyte and Body Fluid Cell Count Testing in Bonnyville

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Key Message

- Effective September 11, 2023 Body Fluid Cell Counts will be discontinued in Bonnyville.
- Effective September 11, 2023 Reticulocyte Testing will be discontinued in Bonnyville.
- Reticulocyte and Body Fluid Cell Counts collected in Bonnyville, Cold Lake, Elk Point, Lac la Biche, Smoky Lake and St Paul will be referred to BaseLab in Edmonton for testing.

Background

- Due to low volume testing and implementation of a new Hematology analyzer, Body Fluid Cell Counts and Reticulocyte testing will be referred out to BaseLab in Edmonton.

How this will impact you

- **Bonnyville, Cold Lake, Elk Point, Lac la Biche, Smoky Lake and St Paul:**
 - In Meditech, use code RETICRO for Reticulocyte test reques.t
 - In Meditech, use code CCFLURO for Body.
 - Results for Retic and Body Fluid Cell Counts will not be visible in Meditech, however all other reporting mechanisms will continue (Netcare and Physician Office Systems).
 - Anticipated turnaround time is 24 – 72 hours depending on time of collection.

Questions/Concerns

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