

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| <b>DATE:</b> | 23 January 2023  |
| <b>TO:</b>   | All Zones  |
| <b>FROM:</b> | Genetics & Genomics (G&G) South                                |
| <b>RE:</b>   | <b>Discontinuing “Genetics Send-Out” (LAB10132) Epic Order</b> |

---

## PLEASE POST OR DISTRIBUTE AS WIDELY AS APPROPRIATE

---

### Key Message

- As of January 23, 2023, the “Genetics Send-Out” (LAB10132) order (formerly known as “Genetics Out of Province Send Out Hold Sample”) will be discontinued.

### Background

- The Genetic Resource Centre (GRC) has utilized two separate orders since our Epic go-live date of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. “Genetic Resource Centre (GRC) Send-Out” (LAB10047) was designed for GRC-funded send-outs, while “Genetics Send-Out” (LAB10132) was used for non-GRC funded send-outs (free testing, non-AB patients, family member samples, etc.)
- The existence of two different orders with similar names created confusion for ordering providers and collection sites, and the wrong Epic order was often selected in error. Correcting these orders created a significant amount of work for both clinic and laboratory staff.

### How this will impact you

- As of January 23, 2023, “Genetics Send-Out” (LAB10132) will no longer be available in Epic. Ordering providers should use the “Genetic Resource Centre (GRC) Send-Out” (LAB10047) order for all whole blood genetic send-outs, including GRC funded and non-GRC funded tests.
- Results for non-GRC funded tests where samples are shipped through MGL South will now be copied to the GRC and uploaded to Epic by GRC staff.

### Action Required

- For ordering providers with access to Epic, complete the “Genetic Resource Centre (GRC) Send-Out” (LAB10047) order for all whole blood genetic testing send-outs.
- An additional question has been added to this order: “Does this send-out require funding through the Genetic Resource Centre (GRC)?” Please answer NO for free testing, non-AB patients, and family member samples that are included in the proband analysis at no additional charge.
- Ordering providers who do not have access to Epic should complete the GRC Requisition Form (<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-21887.pdf>) for GRC funded and non-GRC funded send-outs.

**Effective**      **January 23, 2023**

### Questions/Concerns

- Genetic Resource Centre (P: 403-955-5400, [grc@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:grc@albertahealthservices.ca))

### Approved by

- Dr. Dennis Bulman, Medical/Scientific Director, Genetics & Genomics, APL
- Dr. Michael Mengel, North Sector Medical Director, APL (acting for Dr. Carolyn O’Hara)