

DATE:	18 March 2024
TO:	Physicians, Nursing Staff and Healthcare Practitioners – All Zones
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) - Transfusion and Transplantation Medicine Provincial Program
RE:	HLA Edmonton and HIL Calgary Name Change to Transplant Laboratory North and South

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Key Message

- The HLA Laboratory in Edmonton and Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics Laboratory (HIL) in Calgary both fall under the Transfusion and Transplantation Medicine Provincial Program within Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL).
- These labs will be renamed Transplant Laboratory North in Edmonton and Transplant Laboratory South in Calgary after April 1, 2024, for better alignment.
- These new names provide the best description of the type of testing that is performed in these labs and future proofs the name as new methodologies of testing continue to emerge.

How this will impact you

- Webpages and documentation will be updated over the next few months to reflect this change.

Action Required

- Resources developed by your teams such as contact lists or labels for specimens should be updated with the new names for each of the Transplant laboratories.

Effective April 1, 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.