

DATE:	10 February 2023
TO:	Lethbridge Community Physicians & Clinical Staff
FROM:	Chinook Regional Hospital Laboratory
RE:	Laboratory Testing Changes in Lethbridge

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Key Message

- Routine community urine culture samples collected in Lethbridge will be forwarded to DynaLIFE Medical Labs for testing in Calgary starting February 13, 2023.

Background

- Community laboratory services transition to DynaLIFE on February 27, 2023. For operational reasons, community urine cultures from Lethbridge will be transitioned ahead of this date.

How this will impact you

- For Lethbridge Community Physicians:
 - No change to ordering.
 - Results for routine community and outpatient urine culture samples collected will not be visible in Meditech, however all other reporting mechanisms will continue (i.e., paper, POSP, Netcare). No change to reporting of other testing.
 - This does not affect urine cultures collected on hospitalized patients.
- For Lethbridge Laboratory Staff:
 - In Meditech, use code CUUROV1 to order urine cultures on Lethbridge community patients only.

Effective

- Monday, February 13, 2023.

Questions/Concerns

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