

DATE:	23 December 2022
TO:	All Zones
FROM:	APL Genetics & Genomics, Biochemical Genetics Laboratories, North and South
RE:	New Provincial Biochemical Genetics Requisition

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Key Message

- A new provincial requisition is now available for ordering within-province biochemical genetics testing in addition to requesting referred-out biochemical genetics tests on all non-Connect Care orders.

Background

- Previously, separate requisitions for ordering biochemical genetics tests were in use in the North and South of the province.
- As part of the provincial Genetics & Genomics program that offers integrated testing provided by both Edmonton and Calgary labs, non-Connect Care test orders often required the use of multiple requisitions, or write-ins on a single requisition, for tests required.
- Changes that have occurred to the test menu needed updating to reflect the current Connect Care build.

How this will impact you

- There are no impacts for providers placing orders in Connect Care. The new requisition has been aligned with the Connect Care build and APL Test Directory.
- For providers not on Connect Care, the new provincial Biochemical Genetics Requisition is available at:
 - [Biochemical Genetics Requisition \(www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-18521.pdf\)](http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-18521.pdf)

Action Required

- **Discard all previous versions** of the Biochemical Genetics requisition.
- Cease use of the Edmonton Zone Chemistry Specialty Requisition for biochemical genetics orders.
- Private healthcare providers using third-party office electronic information systems with printable requisitions are encouraged to update their systems with the new requisition by contacting their vendor.

Effective: **Immediately**; the requisition is currently live on the APL website.

Questions/Concerns

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