

<b>DATE:</b>	8 August 2023
<b>TO:</b>	Physicians, Nurses, Healthcare Practitioners and Laboratory Staff
<b>FROM:</b>	Dr Etienne Mahe, Hematopathologist & Medical Informatics Lead, Alberta Precision Laboratories
<b>RE:</b>	<b>New Requisition for Antiphospholipid Syndrome Investigation</b>

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**Key Message**

- **Effective immediately there is a new requisition for Antiphospholipid Syndrome Investigation**
- This includes testing for
  - Lupus Anticoagulant
  - Anti-cardiolipin Antibody
  - Anti-beta-2-glycoprotein Antibody

**Background**

- The ordering of Antiphospholipid Syndrome Investigations by community practitioners has been challenging in light of recent lab services changes as well as the implementation of Connect Care at multiple sites in the province. The lab has received several complaints about cumbersome/cancelled requests using the existing Hemostasis/Thrombosis requisitions. As such, for **COMMUNITY PRACTITIONERS ONLY** who wish to perform **ANTIPHOSPHOLIPID SYNDROME INVESTIGATIONS ONLY**, we are introducing a new requisition was developed to allow for a streamlined ordering process. **IF YOU ARE REQUESTING ADDITIONAL HEMOSTASIS/THROMBOSIS INVESTIGATIONS CONCURRENTLY (other than INR/PTT/FXa), DO NOT USE THIS REQUISITION.**

**How this will impact you**

- Community Providers/Prescribers requesting **Antiphospholipid Syndrome Investigation** must use the new paper requisitions available through the Alberta Precision Laboratories website.
- [Antiphospholipid Syndrome Investigation Requisition form \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/antiphospholipid-syndrome-investigation-requisition-form)

**Effective      Immediately**

**Questions/Concerns**

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