

DATE:	12 December 2022
TO:	Central Zone Health Care Providers
FROM:	DynaLIFE Medical Labs and Alberta Precision Laboratories
RE:	Non-Gyne Cytology Community Specimens from Central Zone

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Key Message

- Effective immediately, collection requirements have changed for non-gyne cytology specimens collected in community rural clinics, and rural hospitals in the Central Zone.
- Specimens will now need to be collected **fresh** and will be forwarded to the Edmonton DynaLIFE Base Lab for processing.
- Refer to the DynaLIFE Test Directory for further details at [Test Directory \(dynamylife.ca\)](https://dynamylife.ca)

Background

- This collection requirement change is necessary to support the transition of community/rural testing to DynaLIFE that began on December 5, 2022.

How this will impact you

- Non-gyne cytology community/rural hospital specimens will need to be collected fresh (no fixative to be added) in a sterile container to be forwarded to the Edmonton DynaLIFE Base Lab for processing.
 - **No changes to test ordering are required**
 - No changes to result reporting will occur
- There is no change to Red Deer Regional Hospital non-gyne cytology collection requirements.

Action Required

- Non-gyne cytology specimens are to be submitted as **fresh samples in a sterile container**. For more detailed collection information, please refer to the DynaLIFE test directory: [Test Directory \(dynamylife.ca\)](https://dynamylife.ca)
- Do **not** add fixative.



-  sterile container

Effective Immediately



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