

DATE:	2021 June 28
TO:	Central Zone, Physicians, Nursing staff, Laboratory Directors, Managers, Supervisors
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RE:	Red Deer Regional Hospital Laboratory Post Vasectomy and Fertility Testing Update

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Key Message

- December 14, 2020 post vasectomy and fertility testing was paused at the Red Deer Regional Hospital Laboratory and patients were provided a list of alternate sites to obtain this service.
- Red Deer Regional Hospital Laboratory is resuming testing. To enhance operational efficiency and ensure a consistent patient experience the service is available by appointment only. No walk-ins will be accepted at this location.
- Alternate service locations still exist for patients as previously communicated in Bulletin dated December 9, 2020. Alternate sites and service access information listed below:

Test	Location	Requirement
Fertility Testing & Post Vasectomy	Andrology Laboratory, Edmonton Community Services Center, 780-407-7484	Please book an appointment prior to sample collection and specify if the appointment is for fertility assessment or retrograde analysis testing.
Test	Service Locations in Central Zone	Requirement
Post Vasectomy	Drayton Valley, Drumheller, Hanna, Innisfail, Lacombe, Olds, Ponoka, Provost, Rimbey, Rocky Mountain House, Stettler, Sundre, Sylvan Lake, Three Hills, Vegreville, Vermilion, Viking, Wainwright, Wetaskiwin	Patient must book an appointment prior to sample collection
Please refer to link below for address and phone numbers: https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/FindHealth/		



Background

- Patients requiring this testing must book an appointment for this testing by calling 1-833-572-0577. Appointment times available are Monday - Friday (excluding holidays) at 0930 and 1230 daily.

Action Required

- Be aware of changes and communicate accordingly with patients as applicable.

Questions/Concerns

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