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| DATE: | 1 April 2024 |
| TO: | North Zone: All Clinical Staff |
| FROM: | Transfusion and Transplantation Medicine Provincial Program |
| RE: | Repatriation of Cold Agglutinin Titre Testing to Edmonton |

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Key Message

- Effective 01March2024, Cold Agglutinin Titre testing historically performed at the Grande Prairie Hematology Laboratory will now be performed at the University of Alberta Hospital Transfusion Medicine Laboratory.

Background

- In December 2022, Cold Agglutinin Titre testing from the former Dynalife sites was repatriated by the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton. Cold Agglutinin Titre testing historically performed by the Grande Prairie Hematology Laboratory was not included in this repatriation. Low testing volumes for Cold Agglutinin Titres in Grande Prairie have resulted in testing and reporting challenges that delay result availability. By repatriating Cold Agglutinin Titre testing at the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton, we will achieve alignment of Cold Agglutinin Titre testing across the North Sector and will decrease result delays.

How this will impact you

- Continue to order **Cold Agglutinin Titre** in Epic when either a Cold Agglutinin Screen or Titre is required. All Cold Agglutinin Titre testing collected in Grande Prairie will now automatically route to the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton.

Action Required

- Be aware of the new routing pattern. No further action is required.

Effective 01Mar2024

Questions/Concerns

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Effective September 1, 2023, APL has become the sole provider of all public lab services in Alberta. As a result, community lab services formally provided by DynaLIFE Medical Labs will become the responsibility of Alberta Precision Labs (APL). This change impacts all zones.