

DATE:	17 April 2023
TO:	Central Zone Physicians, Nursing staff, Laboratory Directors, Managers, Supervisors
FROM:	Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre (RDRHC) Laboratory
RE:	Resumption of Post Vasectomy and Fertility Testing at Red Deer Regional Hospital Laboratory

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Key Message

- Effective May 1, 2023 Post Vasectomy and Fertility Testing will resume at the Red Deer Regional Hospital.
- Red Deer Regional Hospital is able to book two patients/day for testing. Appointments are available Monday – Friday at 10:05 and 13:35, excluding holidays.
- A completed Semen Analysis Requisition must be provided to the patient. [Semen Analysis Requisition \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](http://albertahealthservices.ca)
- The table below outlines where testing and the type of testing is performed. **All** testing requires an appointment prior to collection.

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
Fertility Testing & Post Vasectomy	Red Deer Regional Hospital	Patient must book an appointment prior to sample collection and specify if testing is for fertility or post vasectomy 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: Find Healthcare - Search (albertahealthservices.ca)		



Background

- RDRHC Laboratory has been able to secure staff to provide regular testing for Fertility and Post Vasectomy testing allowing us to resume regular service.

Why this is important

- Appointment times vary between testing sites. Please contact the APL appointment booking line for appointment availability at 1-833-572-0577.

Effective

- May 1, 2023

Actions Required

- Appointments can now be booked through the appointment line for patient testing at the Red Deer Regional Hospital at 1-833-572-0577.

Questions/Concerns

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