

DATE:	2021 June 18
TO:	North Zone Physicians, Healthcare Providers, Laboratory Staff
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RE:	Temporary Change to Bonnyville Microbiology and Endocrine Testing

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Key Message

- Effective **June 28, 2021**, due to the evolving situation with COVID-19 (pandemic testing support) and staff shortages, the following temporary testing changes will occur at the Bonnyville Health Centre laboratory
 - Specimens will be sent to the DynaLife Diagnostics in Edmonton for the below testing for an indeterminate time:
 - Microbiology testing (Blood Cultures, CSF, Fluid, and Hardware from surgery) for Bonnyville and all sites referring testing to Bonnyville.
 - Endocrine testing (TSH, FT4, T3F, Vit B12, Ferritin, FSH, LH) for Bonnyville patients.

Background

- Current staffing levels at the site do not support the processing and testing of microbiology and endocrine samples. This change enhances the lab's ability to sustain essential testing at the site.
- As staffing levels increase this change will be reevaluated.

How this will impact you

- Results delivery will follow the same process as for other referred out testing. Results will not be available in Meditech. Refer to Netcare.
- The impact on the turnaround time will be minimal.

Action Required

- No change in ordering. All Microbiology samples and endocrine samples should be packed in transport boxes designated for Dynalife.

Questions/Concerns

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