

DATE:	2022 May 4
TO:	Red Deer Community Physicians & Clinical Staff
FROM:	Red Deer Regional Hospital Laboratory
RE:	Temporary Laboratory Testing Changes in Red Deer

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Key Message

- Staffing shortages at the Red Deer Regional Hospital laboratory have resulted in challenges in meeting the demand for routine testing volumes.
- Routine outpatient hematology samples collected at the *DynaLIFE* Patient Care Centre in Red Deer will be forwarded to *DynaLIFE* Laboratories in Edmonton for testing for a minimum of 2 months, with ongoing assessment of the situation.

Background

- RDRH laboratory is unable to maintain consistent staffing due to vacancies and training demands.

How this will impact you

- Tests sent to *DynaLIFE* may have slightly longer turnaround times due to transportation. Please advise patients accordingly should test results be required within a short timeframe.
- No change to ordering.
- Routine outpatient hematology samples collected at the *DynaLIFE* Patient Care Centre will not be visible in Meditech; however, all other reporting mechanisms will continue (i.e. paper, POSP, Netcare). No change to reporting of other testing.

Effective

- Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Questions/Concerns

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