

DATE:	2022 July 11
TO:	Grande Prairie Community Physicians & Clinical Staff
FROM:	A. Brent Mendez, Regional Laboratory Chief, GPRH.
RE:	Temporary Outpatient/Rural and Routine Laboratory Testing Changes in Grande Prairie

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Key Message

- Staffing shortages have rendered the laboratory at Grande Prairie Regional Hospital challenged to meet routine turn around time metrics at current testing volumes.
- Outpatient laboratory chemistry samples collected at Junction Point and College sites will be forwarded to DynaLife Laboratories in Edmonton for testing from July 11, 2022 to September 4, 2022 with ongoing assessment of the situation.
- Microbiology samples from Community and Rural locations will be also forwarded indefinitely to Dynalife Laboratories in Edmonon for testing starting July 4, 2022
- STAT designated samples will continue to be tested at Grande Prairie Regional Hospital dependant on test menu.

Background

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

How this will impact you

- Tests sent to DynaLife will have increased turn around time due to transportation. Please advise patients accordingly should test results be required within a specific timeframe.
- No change to ordering.
- No change to reporting: All results will be transmitted through Connect Care and Netcare.

Effective

- **Monday July 4, 2022 (Microbiology) and Monday, July 11, 2022 (Chemistry)**

Questions/Concerns

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