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| DATE: | 3 October 2023 |
| TO: | All Healthcare Providers |
| FROM: | Clinical Biochemistry, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) |
| RE: | Temporary Unavailability of Urine Oxalate Testing |

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Key Message

- Effective immediately, random and 24-hour urine oxalate testing is temporarily unavailable.

Why this is important

- Due to global supply chain shortage identified by the vendor, University of Alberta Hospital special chemistry laboratory has very limited supply of reagent.
- There is no alternative method currently available.
- Our team is working with the vendor to address the issue.
- The estimated resumption date is unknown, but will be communicated as soon as testing is available.

Action Required

- If possible, consider deferring urine oxalate request until shortage resolve. Otherwise, samples will be stored in the laboratory until testing can be resumed.

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