

DATE:	10 June 2024
TO:	All Zones: AHS Healthcare Professionals and Providers Performing Transcutaneous Bilirubin Testing
FROM:	Point of Care Testing (POCT), Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	Update to Connect Care Manual Test Result Entry for Newborn Jaundice Screen POCT Orders

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Key Message

- Effective June 18, 2024, two additional field entry areas will be available for Manual Test Result Entry in AegisPOC for *MT TcB* resulting of Newborn Jaundice Screen POCT (LAB4047) orders.

Background

- Clinical users of the Drager Jaundice Meter Program have requested the ability to report skin tone and track meter number to better support clinical needs for newborn patient treatment. Recently this enhancement has been added to the AegisPOC middleware system.

How this will impact you

- Clinical users will now have two additional field entries in AegisPOC with *MT TcB*:
 - Skin tone result (light, medium, dark or “not provided”) is a mandatory field for entry. It will be reported in the patient electronic health record, along with the transcutaneous meter result.
 - Meter number is an optional field for entry. The complete number may be added or left blank. The number will not be visible in the patient electronic chart in Epic; it will remain only in AegisPOC.

Action Required

- Ensure all staff are aware of this upcoming result change for Newborn Jaundice Screen POCT orders.
- Follow the process outlined in *Provincial POCT – Epic Workflow – AegisPOC Manual Test Result Entry – Drager Jaundice Meter*.
(InSite Home>Teams>Lab Services>Our Services>Point of Care Testing>Connect Care & AegisPOC POCT Middleware>AegisPOC Manual Test Result Entry – Drager Jaundice Meter)

Questions/Concerns

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Effective September 1, 2023, APL has become the sole provider of all public lab services in Alberta. As a result, community lab services formally provided by DynaLIFE Medical Labs will become the responsibility of Alberta Precision Labs (APL). This change impacts all zones.