



Date: November 2, 2020
To: All Physicians and Submitting Care Providers, QE II Hospital
From: Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL), DynaLIFE Medical Labs
Re: Urine Culture Testing

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Key Message:

- QEII microbiology lab will resume all urine culture testing on site as of November 2, 2020.

Why this is important / how this will impact you:

- All test orders will continue to be processed as requested.
- There will no longer be a delay in normal turnaround times for those samples that were having to be sent to Edmonton.

Action Required:

- Urine cultures should be requested only when clinically indicated. Please see the AHS Appropriateness of Care: Asymptomatic bacteriuria website for details
- Proper collection of specimens to prevent contamination with commensal flora is vital for accurate results. Please refer to the laboratory test directory for details.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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