

DATE:	01 February 2024
TO:	AHS Community Physicians and Nursing Staff in South Zone
FROM:	Community Services Patient Service Centre's Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, and Brooks
RE:	Urine Cytology Sample Collection

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Key Message

- Effective February 1st, 2024, testing for Urines for Cytology will be performed at Chinook Regional Hospital
- Please send all community patients that require Urine for Cytology to the Patient Service Centre's (PSC) in Brooks, Medicine Hat, and Lethbridge for collection at the locations listed below or to the local Rural Hospital Laboratory
 - Lethbridge Center Village Mall 1240 2nd Ave A North PSC
 - Lethbridge 405 Highlands Blvd West Unit 4 PSC
 - Medicine Hat 44 Carry Drive SE PSC
 - Brooks 500 Cassils Road East

Background

- Urine for Cytology in the South Zone is currently being tested at the Diagnostic Service Centre in Calgary.

Action Required

- To ensure timely and proper sample routing to hospital, please have patients present for collection at the PSC or Rural Hospital Labs for collection.
- Discontinue in-clinic collections of urine cytology samples where possible
- Patients accessing hospital services can continue to be served at the Outpatient Labs at Chinook Regional Hospital or Medicine Hat Regional Hospital

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.