

DATE:	22 September 2023
TO:	Health Care Providers, Northern Lights Health Centre
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories, Clinical Biochemistry, North Sector
RE:	Temporary Referral of Carbamazepine Testing at Northern Lights Health Centre

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Key Message

- Effective immediately carbamazepine testing at Northern Lights Health Centre will be temporarily sent to the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton for testing.

How this will impact you

- Due to supply shortages, Northern Lights Health Centre Lab is unable to provide carbamazepine testing.
- Turnaround time for carbamazepine will be increased.
- This is a temporary issue, and onsite testing should resume by December 2023.

Action Required

- Be aware that turnaround time for carbamazepine will be increased.
- Test ordering, reference intervals, and critical values will remain unchanged.

Effective Immediately

Questions/Concerns

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