

Date: September 29, 2010

To: All Zones - Physicians, Laboratory Directors and Managers

From: AHS Laboratory Services – Edmonton Zone
Molecular Pathology Laboratory - University of Alberta Hospital (UAH)

Re: Discontinuation of Apolipoprotein E genotype testing

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Key Messages:

- Roche Diagnostics has discontinued the production of their LightCycler Apolipoprotein E Mutation Detection kit due to low worldwide demand. **Apolipoprotein E genotype testing** will no longer be available at the University of Alberta Hospital Molecular Pathology Laboratory, effective **September 30, 2010**.
- **Approved** samples will be forwarded to Mayo Medical Laboratories for testing.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by Dr. Robert Rennie, Edmonton Zone Clinical Department Head