

# **Laboratory Bulletin**

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To: All Zones

Physicians, Nurse Managers, Educators and Practitioners, Laboratory Directors and

Managers

From: AHS Laboratory Services

Re: Availability of Calgary and Edmonton Pathology Consult Reports in Netcare

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#### **Key Messages:**

- Effective June 4, 2015 pathology consult reports (pathologist-to-pathologist consults as well as consults requested by clinicians) will be available on Netcare from all applicable Laboratory Information Systems.
- Pathology consult reports from the Cerner system in Calgary are currently viewable and the addition of the consult reports from the CoPath system in Edmonton will provide for provincial standardization.
- Pathology consult reports are typically identified by the word "Consult" in the header of the report
  and will include a reference to the original accession number for which the consultation is being
  provided within the body of the report.
- In order for the pathology consult reports to be viewable/ searchable in Netcare, the client must have an accessible Medical Record Number (i.e.: an assigned Unique Lifetime Identifier (ULI)).

#### Why this is important:

- Pathology consult results form part of the overall patient Health Record. Availability of these results on Netcare helps to:
  - o Ensure complete clinical information is available for every patient
  - o Facilitate patient follow-up
  - Support Clinical-Pathology Correlation

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