

Date: January 25, 2013

To: North Zone – Former Aspen Region
Physicians, Community Health Services, Nurses, Laboratory Directors and Managers

From: AHS Laboratory Services and *DynaLIFE_{Dx}*

Re: Change in Chlamydia/GC, HbA1c and Microalbumin Screen Testing at Bonnyville Health Centre Laboratory

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Key Messages:

- Effective January 28, 2013, testing for Chlamydia/Neisseria gonorrhoea (GC), Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) and Microalbumin Screen testing currently performed at the Bonnyville Health Centre Laboratory will be transitioned to *DynaLife_{Dx}*.
- As the *DynaLife_{Dx}* Chlamydia/GC method is different, a change in the collection kit is required.
- Test results will be available in flow sheets on Alberta Netcare and patient reports will continue to be delivered through established mechanisms.
- Locations affected by this service adjustment are as follows:

Andrew	Cold Lake	Lac La Biche	St. Paul
Athabasca	CFB 4 Wing Cold Lake	Radway	Thorhild
Bonnyville	Elk Point	Saddle Lake	Vilna
Boyle	Glendon	Smoky Lake	

Action Required:

- On January 28, 2013 replace the current Probe Tec Chlamydia/GC Collection Kits with the new GEN-PROBE APTIMA® Collection Kits. An initial batch of the new collection kits and *DynaLife_{Dx}* General Requisitions will be supplied in advance by your local laboratory. To order additional collection kits and requisitions, follow the same process as for ordering other lab collection supplies.
- Return all of the Probe Tec Collection Kits to your local laboratory.
- Order Chlamydia/GC testing and indicate the “Source” of the specimen on a *DynaLife_{Dx}* General Requisition.
- Package only one specimen collection kit and the accompanying requisition per biohazard bag.
- Refer to the *DynaLife_{Dx}* Test Directory for detailed collection and handling instructions at: <http://www.dynalifedx.com/HealthProfessionals/TestInformation/TestDirectory/TD/tabid/1405/Default.aspx>.

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