

Date: November 17, 2014
To: All Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and Pharmacists
From: AHS Laboratory Services – Central Zone
Re: **New Laboratory Requisition for Central Zone**

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New Laboratory Requisition for Central Zone

Key Messages:

The Central Zone Laboratory Requisition has been revised so that the patient / physician demographic area now displays standard Alberta Health Services format. This revision consolidates two versions into one in an effort to optimize and standardize. There is now a single page to reduce unnecessary printing. We have provided a copy of our revised requisition to the AHS Business Integration Office. They will work with POSP vendors to provide an on-line version of the form. Please contact ICC@albertahealthservices.ca for assistance. The form number is 00286.

Why this is important:

- Practitioners will have a standard and consistent demographic area on requisitions across the province. This is required to ensure appropriate information for patient identification.
- Laboratory test selection has been updated to include FIT testing.
- Any tests not found on the requisition can be written in the “**Other Tests / Clinical Indications / Relevant History**” section.

Fasting Instructions for Patients:

Fasting information that was previously found on the back of the two-sided form is now posted on the Alberta Health Services external web site. A **Fasting Instruction** sheet for patients can be found on the AHS website at <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/3406.asp>

Action Required:

- Use up any current stock first.
- Continue to order Central Zone Laboratory Requisitions as required; the new requisition will be sent as the old stock is depleted.
- An on-line version of the Central Zone Laboratory Requisition can be found at <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/3320.asp>

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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