





Laboratory Bulletin

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To: Strathcona Community Hospital From: Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)

Re: Change in Location of Retic Testing at Strathcona Community Hospital Laboratory

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Key Message:

- Effective May 18, 2020 changes in instrument testing at Strathcona Community Hospital Laboratory will result in discontinuation of Reticulocyte Count testing.
- Testing will instead be performed at Dynalife Laboratories in Edmonton.

Why this is Important:

- A review of Reticulocyte Count testing at Strathcona Community Hospital Laboratory shows very low volumes.
- This aligns Strathcona Community Hospital Laboratory with Edmonton Zone Suburban Rural sites.

Action Required:

none

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