



Date: October 19, 2020
To: Central Zone Physicians, Laboratory Directors, Managers, Supervisors
From: Clinical Biochemistry, South Sector, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
Re: Changes to Lower Reportable Limit and Critical Value for Salicylate

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Key Message:

- Effective **October 21, 2020**, the following changes will be introduced to salicylate reporting:
 - The lower reportable limit for salicylate will be changed to **<0.30 mmol/L** from <0.12 mmol/L. There will be no reference range or therapeutic range information provided.
 - The critical value for salicylate will be changed to **>2.20 mmol/L** from >3.62 mmol/L. Salicylate concentrations of 2.20 mmol/L and lower will not be flagged in Netcare and Physician Office Systems (POS).

Why this is Important:

- To standardize laboratory nomenclature, reporting and processes within APL South Sector in preparation for Connect Care implementation.

Action Required:

- Be aware of the changes in the lower reportable range and critical value of salicylate.

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