



Date: December 2, 2019
To: Calgary/Calgary Rural Zone
From: Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
Re: Changes to the Calgary Lab Services (CLS) Test Directory

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Key Message:

- Work is underway to develop a single province wide Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) test directory. All former test directories, including former AHS, former CLS, former Provincial Laboratory and former Genetics & Genomics test directories are integrated under the Alberta Precision Laboratories test directory.
- An interim state test directory is in place. The future state test directory is anticipated to be available by fall 2020.
- Calgary/Calgary Rural users can continue to access the APL interim test directory via the CLS website. There is no change to links in SCM or for users with shortcuts on their desktop.
<http://www.calgarylabservices.com/lab-services-guide/lab-tests/>
- Users will notice that the alphabetical sort function is replaced by a link to the APL *interim* directory.
 - The quick links for Microbiology, Anatomic Pathology and Cytopathology are still active.
- The interim state while not ideal, is approved and is a very necessary step to review and align provincial content.
 - The content in the interim directory remains the same, however the presentation and search functionality which are limited by the current platform are different until the future directory is available.
 - The future test directory will be an all new platform with enhanced look, feel and functionality and will have no resemblance to the interim directory.
- The single test directory also achieved the requirement to create one APL database with a single link in Connect Care.

Why this is important:

- On November 4, 2019 the existing AHS and CLS test directories were decommissioned November 4. CLS Microbiology will remain unchanged for a short period of time and will be decommissioned in the New Year. All content was migrated.
- We are actively working to organize the content for easier display. The test “albumin” is an example of organizing current test directory pages under “parent” pages such as “albumin blood” etc
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/webapps/labservices/indexAPL.asp?zoneid=1&SearchText=albumin&submit=Submit+Query&upperTest=-1&lowerTest=-1>

Action Required:

- Your patience and understanding while our team works to create an all new APL test directory.
- The search function is a literal alphabetical/numerical search from left to right. In some cases using an acronym “ALT” or a first few letters will yield too large/broad of a search. Conversely too specific of a search may limit the yield. HIV is better than HIV Rapid due to how some zones named the test.
- Should you find any discrepancies or are unable to locate a test listing, email
APLTestDirectory@albertapubliclabs.ca



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