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**To:** AHS POCT Programs – Wave 2  
**From:** Point of Care Testing (POCT), Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)  
**Re:** Connect Care Wave 2 Readiness – POCT Programs

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**Key Message:**

A controlled connectivity rollover from POCT devices to the POCT AegisPOC data management middleware, and then into the provincial Clinical Information System, Epic, will begin on October 24, 2020. This will be in conjunction with Connect Care Wave 2 rollout.

**Why this is important:**

- Results from connectable POCT devices (instruments) will flow directly from the device through the new POCT middleware (AegisPOC) into the patient electronic medical record at Wave 2 Go-Live.
  - ❖ Roche Accu-Chek Inform II Glucose Meter  
<https://ahs.labqms.com/labFrame.asp?DID=35074&FLDVr=9448>
  - ❖ Abbott i-STAT1 Chemistry and Blood Gas Analyzer  
<https://ahs.labqms.com/labFrame.asp?DID=35091&FLDVr=9448>
  - ❖ Radiometer ABL Blood Gas Analyzer  
<https://ahs.labqms.com/labFrame.asp?DID=35238&FLDVr=9448>
- Results from non-connected POCT devices (e.g. kit methods) will require patient results to be **manually** charted into the patient electronic medical record by the person performing the test directly using the *Epic Enter/Edit function*. See page 4 Connect Care Tip Sheet - [Specimen Collection and POCT](#).
  - ❖ Urine Pregnancy Test Kit
  - ❖ Manual Macroscopic Urinalysis Test Strip (Dipstick)

**When performing POCT, ensure:**

- Valid operator ID (employee e-People number) is entered by certified POCT users to access the device and to correctly report results
- Valid patient ID (Contact Serial Number [**CSN**]) is entered for positive patient identification and uninterrupted patient result flow to the Epic patient electronic record. Using the CSN identifier (barcode) is **REQUIRED**.



- Glucose and i-STAT1 meters are frequently docked to facilitate data transfer.

**Action Required:**

- Be aware of the Wave 2 changes coming for the **POCT devices** within your clinical practice area.

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