

Date: February 24, 2014

To: Central Zone – Former David Thompson Health Region (DTHR) excluding Drumheller, Hanna and Three Hills
Physicians, Nurse Managers, Educators and Practitioners, Laboratory Staff

From: AHS Laboratory Services and DynaLIFE_{Dx}

Re: Liquid Based Cytology (LBC) Courier Changes for Former DTHR Region

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Key Messages:

- Alberta Health Services and DynaLIFE_{Dx} are merging transportation services in the Central Zone to enhance transportation services to other AHS lab locations.
- Currently, liquid based cytology (LBC) specimens collected in former DTHR are shipped to DynaLIFE_{Dx} via Purolator.
- **Effective March 17, 2014**, transportation of LBC specimens via Purolator will be **discontinued**.
- LBC specimens will now be **packaged and transported** with all other AHS lab specimens.
- The LBC specimens will then be forwarded to DynaLIFE_{Dx} using the current AHS transportation infrastructure.
- These changes will have no impact to turn around times and report delivery.
- There will no changes to the delivery of LBC supplies.

Action Required:

Physician Offices **

- Please send LBC specimens **together** with all other specimens using your current AHS transportation practice

Health Centers and Hospitals **

- Continue forwarding your LBC samples to your local laboratory.
- Laboratory staff will package LBC samples with all other AHS referral samples to transport to DynaLIFE_{Dx}.

****March 14, 2014 will be the last day of shipping LBC specimens with Purolator. Please forward all extra toolboxes with the Purolator courier to DynaLIFE_{Dx}. In the event this date is missed please forward all remaining toolboxes as soon as possible to DynaLIFE_{Dx} using Purolator.**

Additional Information:

- March 5 -14, 2014 - physician offices will be contacted by DynaLIFE_{Dx} to ensure full understanding of changes to service.

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