

Date: May 21, 2019
To: Calgary Zone, Central Zone, South Zone Physicians
From: Clinical Biochemistry Section, South Sector, Alberta Public Laboratories
Re: Discontinuation of Meat Fibres, Qualitative - Stool

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Key Message:

- Effective May 9 2019, the qualitative test for meat fibres in stool will be discontinued in the Calgary, Central and South Zones.

Why this is Important:

- The test has limited clinical utility.

Background:

- Assessment of maldigestion and malabsorption is best accomplished with specific tests for fat malabsorption and pancreatic function.

Action Required:

- Order alternative tests or contact Dr. Lawrence de Koning, Clinical Biochemist, ACH

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