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**Date:** October 19, 2020  
**To:** North Zone Physicians, Nurse Managers, Laboratory Managers and Staff  
**From:** Alberta Precision Laboratories  
**Re:** Discontinuation of Post Vasectomy testing at Designated Rural Sites

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**Key Message:**

- Effective October 15, 2020, post vasectomy semen analysis can no longer be accepted at the following sites Swan Hills, McLennan and Grimshaw
  - Proximity to neighboring laboratory, ongoing low testing volumes and significant resources required to maintain testing capability at these sites has led to this decision.

**Why this is important:**

- Patients requiring this testing will travel to an alternate laboratory.

**Action Required:**

- None

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