



Date: December 30, 2019
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 January 13, 2020, Post Vasectomy Semen Analysis will be discontinued at low volume rural sites including: 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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