

Date: January 28, 2019
To: North-East Central Zone Physicians, Nursing Managers, Nursing Educators, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Laboratory Directors, Managers, Supervisors
From: Alberta Public Laboratories
Re: Discontinuation of qualitative testing of Rheumatoid Factor in the North-East Central Zone

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Key Message:

- Effective January 30, 2019, qualitative determination of Rheumatoid Factor in serum performed at Wainwright, Vermilion and St-Mary's (Camrose) Hospital Laboratories will be discontinued.
- All requests for Rheumatoid Factor testing in North-East Central Zone will be directed to Dynalife for quantitative measurement.
- For collection requirements and reference ranges please go to Dynalife Test Directory: <https://dynalifedx.com/testdirectory>

Action Required:

- Please be aware of change in methodology and difference in reporting (qualitative vs. quantitative).

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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