

Date: March 11, 2019
To: Central Zone Clinicians in Former David Thompson Health (DTH) Health Care Information Systems (HCIS)
From: Alberta Public Laboratories (APL)
Re: Discontinuation of serum hCG screening test

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Key Message:

- Effective March 18, 2019, qualitative serum hCG screening test is no longer available in healthcare facilities in former DTH hospital / healthcare centre sites.

Why this is important:

- The serum hCG screening test will no longer be an orderable test as of March 18, 2019

Action Required:

- Consider ordering either qualitative urine hCG screening or quantitative serum hCG in place of qualitative serum hCG screening.

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