



Date: September 8, 2020
To: All Zones: Physicians, nurses, healthcare practitioners
From: University of Alberta Hospital (UAH) Core Chemistry Laboratory, Alberta Precision Laboratories
Re: Discontinuation of urine hemosiderin testing

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Key Message:

- Effective immediately, UAH laboratory will discontinue on site urine hemosiderin testing, and this test will be referred out of province.
- Estimated turn-around-time will be approximately 1 week.
- In Connect Care, test can be ordered as "Hemosiderin, Urine (Referred Test)".

Background

- Current urine hemosiderin testing volume is very low (1 request per month) and is not justifiable to continue on site testing.
- APL continues to review practices with the goal to optimize test utilization and cost effectiveness in providing quality testing for patient care.

Action Required:

- Sample collection procedures and result reporting will not be affected.
- In Connect Care, result can be found as a scanned document associated with the test.
- Please refer to APL Test Directory for further details about sample collection, storage, and transportation conditions.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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