

**Date:** February 20, 2014

**To:** Central Zone – Former East Central Sites  
Physicians, Nurse Managers, Educators and Practitioners, Laboratory Staff

**From:** AHS Laboratory Services and DynaLIFE<sub>Dx</sub>

**Re:** Liquid Based Cytology (LBC) Courier Changes for former East Central Zone

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### Key Messages:

- Alberta Health Services and DynaLIFE<sub>Dx</sub> are merging transportation services in Central Zone to enhance transportation services to other AHS lab locations.
- Currently, liquid based cytology (LBC) specimens collected in the former East Central sites of Central Zone are shipped to DynaLIFE<sub>Dx</sub> via Purolator.
- **Effective March 3, 2014**, transportation of LBC specimens via Purolator will be **discontinued**.
- LBC specimens will now be **packaged and transported** with all other AHS lab specimens.
- The LBC specimens will then be forwarded to DynaLIFE<sub>Dx</sub> using the current AHS transportation infrastructure.
- These changes will have no impact to turn around times and report delivery.
- There will be no changes to the delivery of LBC supplies.

### Action Required:

#### Physician Offices \*\*

- Please send LBC specimens **together** with all other specimens using your current AHS transportation practice.

#### Health Centers and Hospitals \*\*

- Continue forwarding your LBC samples to your local laboratory.
- Laboratory staff will package LBC samples with all other AHS referral samples to transport to DynaLIFE<sub>Dx</sub>.

**\*\*February 28, 2014 will be the last day of shipping LBC specimens with Purolator. Please forward all extra toolboxes with the Purolator courier to DynaLIFE<sub>Dx</sub>. In the event this date is missed please forward all remaining toolboxes as soon as possible to DynaLIFE<sub>Dx</sub> using Purolator.**

### Additional Information:

- February 24 - 28, 2014 - all physician offices will be contacted by DynaLIFE<sub>Dx</sub> to ensure full understanding of changes to service.

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