



Date: October 19, 2020
To: North, Central and Edmonton Zone
From: Alberta Precision Laboratories
Re: Electron Microscopy Testing of Platelet or other Hematology Specimen

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Key Message:

- Effective **October 08, 2020**, EM testing on all hematology specimen has to be ordered through the new test “Hematology Electron Microscopy/ Hematology EM (Lab ID: LAB6133A)” in Epic. This includes EM testing of platelet whole mounts, platelet or granulocyte thin sections or any other custom EM hematology testing. The new test replaces the previous test “Platelet Electron Microscopy/EM”. However, the previous test name is still a searchable synonym for the new test. Importantly, laboratory results for this test are no longer reported under “Surgical Pathology”, but under “Hematology Electron Microscopy” in the Patient Chart.

Background:

- These changes facilitate laboratory internal accessioning for this cross departmental test and harmonize provincial result reporting. The new test name more accurately represents the specimen types processed through this test.

How this will impact you:

- Please pay attention to the updated test name and reporting location when ordering EM on hematology specimen.

Action Required:

- See above

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