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To: AHS & Covenant Medical Affairs – Edmonton Zone
AHS & Covenant Nursing – Edmonton Zone
From: Alberta Precision Laboratories – Edmonton Zone
Re: EPIC: Clinical History – Hard Stop Change

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Key Message:

- Surgical Pathology and Non Gynecologic Cytopathology tests orders now have a hard stop in place to capture relevant clinical history/information.
- These fields must be completed with the clinical information you think will aid the pathologist in the diagnostic workup of the specimen.

Why this is important:

- Relevant clinical history informs specimen processing decisions in order to provide optimum patient diagnoses.
- Provision of relevant clinical history is a CPSA accreditation standard and is required as part of the Laboratory Sample Acceptance Policy.

Action Required:

- Complete the Relevant clinical history/information field with the information applicable to the specimen(s) being collected
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