

**Date:** May 13, 2011

**To:** All Zones  
All Physicians

**From:** AHS Genetic Laboratory Services

**Re:** Appeal Process for Out-of-Province Genetic Testing

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**Key Message:**

There is now a process for appealing decisions made by the Genetic Resource Centre regarding out-of-province genetic testing.

**What is the process?**

The Genetic Resource Centre (GRC) was developed with the goal of providing equitable and appropriate access to out of province genetic testing for Alberta residents. A process for appealing GRC decisions has been developed and is outlined below.

1. The requesting physician must submit an appeal letter to:

**Genetic Resource Centre  
825 Medical Science Building  
University of Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, AB  
T6G 2H7**

2. The original request will be forwarded to two Clinical Geneticists for review. All requests will have previously been reviewed by two Clinical Geneticists.
3. The scoring and feedback from all four reviewers will be forwarded to the Assistant Chief Medical Officer.
4. The Assistant Chief Medical Officer's decision will be submitted to the requesting physician in writing and is considered final.

**For additional questions contact:**

Susan Christian or Margaret Lilley, Genetic Counsellors with the Genetic Resource Centre at 780- 407-1015.

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