Alberta Public Laboratories (APL)

Laboratory Bulletin

Date: August 12, 2019
To: Calgary Zone Physicians and Nursing Staff
From: APL South Sector
Re: IVIG Screening Form TM2038

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Key Message:

- Effective **August 6, 2019**, all IVIG orders will require submission of a completed Immune Globulin Initiation Form TM2038 (https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/lab/Page10035.aspx) and faxed to 403-270-7205.

Why this is Important:

- To support the following previously distributed laboratory bulletins:
  - ➢ Provincial communication regarding IVIG Dosing: https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/wf/lab/wf-lab-bulletin-ivig-dosing-to-be-based-on-ideal-body-weight-for-alberta-patients.pdf
  - ➢ Calgary Zone communication regarding Ideal Body Weight requirement: https://www.calgarylabservices.com/files/HealthcareProfessionals/Memos/2018-04-05.pdf

Background:

- Screening of all Immunoglobulin orders is an important step to the appropriate utilization of blood products.
- An online dosing calculator has been published on the AHS external website for reference: https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/webapps/labservices/IVIG_Dosing_Calculator.htm

Action Required:

- All new "Request for Services IVIG" orders and annual renewal orders will require the submission of a completed TM2038 form and faxed to Transfusion Medicine at 403-270-7205.
- Continue to book your patients for infusions according to the Day Medicine Standardized booking process.
- If the order needs adjustment, the Transfusion Medicine physician will communicate directly with the ordering physician.

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