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**Date:** October 21, 2019  
**To:** All Zones  
**From:** Alberta Public Laboratories (APL) and DynaLIFE Medical Labs  
**Re:** Lab Test Directory Changes – APL and DynaLIFE

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**Key Message:**

- A project is underway to develop an all new APL consolidated test directory which includes information currently housed in 4 separate APL Test Directories; AHS Lab, Calgary Lab Services, Public Health and Genetics & Genomics.
- The APL test directory and DynaLIFE test directory will integrate with the new provincial Clinical Information System (CIS) Connect Care.
- An interim solution is needed for the November implementation of Connect Care while future state development continues. This is a critical initial step.
  - The 4 APL directories have been amalgamated into one database. Content has not been merged or amalgamated at this time.
  - Users will now see an “Alberta Public Laboratories” test directory home page.(see example)
  - Hematology and Coagulation reference ranges and critical value tables are removed and direct the user to “See Laboratory Report”. Similar changes will occur with other disciplines. Ranges are included in electronic (EMR/Netcare) and hardcopy reports.
  - The Calgary Lab Services (CLS) test directory will display in a much different way in the interim directory than it does currently and will now have additional search functionality.
  - Work is underway to organize tests contained in more than one directory under a “parent” page. (see example)
- The DynaLIFE test directory is a separate directory and will remain as such.

**Why this is important:**

- It was necessary to merge the 4 existing databases so that **one APL test directory link** could be placed in Connect Care. This same link will continue to function in the future state directory with changes happening in the background. The interim state is preparation work for the future state.

**Action Required:**

- A user in Connect Care will have the ability to access the test directory in two ways:
  - A tab on the hyperspace toolbar “Lab Test Directory” will provide links to the APL interim and the DynaLIFE test directory home pages.
  - In the order screen, a provider will see the field “Reference Links”. There will be a link to the APL test page(s) for the specific test the provider is ordering. If there is a DynaLIFE test page for the specific test, this link will also appear.
  - For users collecting a test, similar test links along with “Collection Alerts” or “Shipping & Handling Alerts” will be visible in the “collection instructions” and “Shipping and Handling” fields respectively.
- A user accessing the APL or DynaLIFE Test Directory via the external website, will use the search function (usually test name) to bring up the same information.  
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/lab/Page3217.aspx> <https://td.dynalife.ca/>
- Be aware that some tests in the APL test directory have been rolled up under parent pages such as CBC, Albumin, blood, hepatitis A, while others are not rolled up.
- A “Frequently Asked Question” document will be available shortly at <https://bridge.connect-care.ca/>

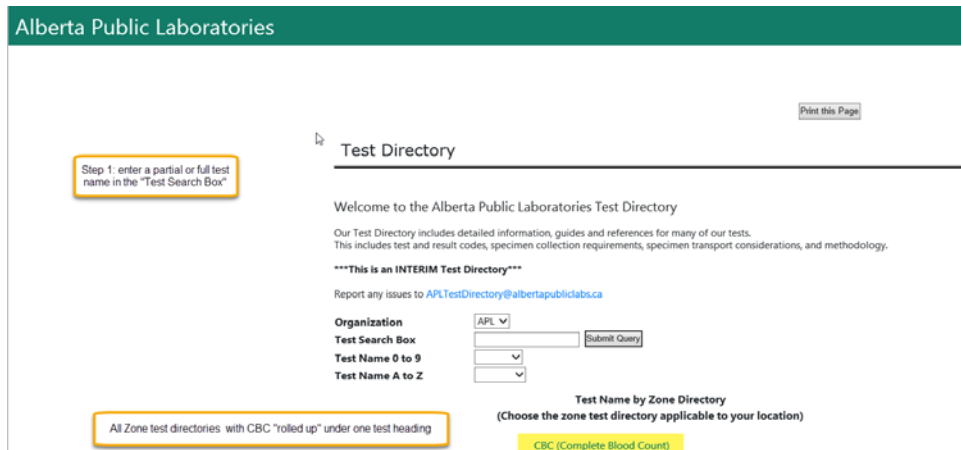
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**Organization:** APL

**Test Name/Disease/Pathogen:** CBC (Complete Blood Count)

**Alternate Test Name/Disease/Pathogen:** CBC (Complete Blood Count), blood - Calgary Zone  
 CBC (Complete Blood Count), blood - North Zone  
 CBC (Complete Blood Count), blood - South Zone  
 CBC (Complete Blood Count), blood - Central Zone  
 CBC (Complete Blood Count), blood - Edmonton Zone

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Example: Tests not yet organized under a "parent" potassium page

Potassium, 24 Hour Urine - South Zone	Potassium, 24 Hour Urine - North Zone	Potassium, 24 Hour Urine Potassium, Urine Random - Calgary Zone
potassium, CSF (SFK) - Edmonton Zone	Potassium, Fluid - Calgary Zone	Potassium, Fluid - Edmonton Zone
Potassium, Fluid - South Zone	Potassium, Fluid (Pharmacy products) - South Zone	POTASSIUM, Plasma or Serum - Central Zone