

**Date:** May 6, 2019  
**To:** North Zone - Northern Lights Health Region Area Physicians and Care Providers  
**From:** Alberta Public Laboratories (APL) and DynaLIFE Medical Labs  
**Re:** Meditech Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Toxicology Laboratory Results

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**Key Message:**

- Results of toxicology testing referred to Edmonton from the former Northern Lights Health Region (NLHR), and collected since March 4, 2019, will not display in the Meditech EMR.

**Why this is important:**

- Due to the opioid crisis, new test codes for toxicology testing were created by the Toxicology Laboratory at the University of Alberta Hospital. Toxicology collections in the former Northern Lights Health Region (NLHR) are sent to the Toxicology Laboratory in Edmonton for testing and resulting.
- Although results are normally mapped to be viewable in the Meditech EMR, this did not occur with these new test codes as a result of preparation and future implementation of the Meditech Priority Pack Upgrade.
- Physicians and Care Providers receive these results via patient hardcopy reports and are available in Netcare. As there is only a few months between the Priority Pack Upgrade and the switch to Connect Care (Beaker), these tests will not be mapped to the Meditech EMR and results will continue to be available via hard copy and in Netcare.

**Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:**

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