

Date: June 14th, 2016
To: North, South and Central Zones – Laboratory Directors, Managers, Supervisors,
Physicians and Allied Health Care Professionals
From: AHS Laboratory Services
Re: Timed Urine Albumin Reporting Changes

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Key Messages:

- The Alberta Kidney Strategic Clinical Network and AHS have developed a web-based clinical pathway tool to provide direction for the diagnosis, management and referral of adults with chronic kidney disease (CKD). The recommendations are based on the Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) Clinical Practice Guideline for the evaluation and management of CKD (2012).
- Effective June 28th, 2016 the following Meditech changes will occur in the Central, South (including the Medicine Hat Diagnostic Laboratory), and North Zones:
 - The term **Urine Albumin** will replace Microalbumin on Timed Urine Albumin reports
 - All Timed Urine Albumin orders reporting quantitative values will report the following:

Tests Reported	Units reported	Reference Interval
Collection Interval		
Volume		
Albumin	mg/L	
Creatinine	mmol/L	
Excretion Rate	ug/min	<20 ug/min

Why this is important:

- Clinical pathways are an effective tool to translate guidelines into practice to optimize care for patients with CKD

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