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To: Central Zone and North Zone
Wainwright Health Centre, Vermilion Health Centre, Westlock Healthcare Centre
Physicians, Nurses, Laboratory Directors and Managers

From: AHS Laboratory Services

Re: Transitioning of Services for Wainwright, Vermilion and Westlock Laboratories

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Key Messages:

- Effective June 2013, the following testing services currently performed at Wainwright, Westlock and Vermilion laboratories, will be referred to Edmonton laboratory service providers as indicated in the table below:

Current Testing Location	Testing being transferred	New service provider:
Wainwright Health Centre Laboratory Westlock Health Centre Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Microbiology Immunochemistry Hemoglobin A1C 	DynaLIFE_{Dx}
Vermilion Health Centre Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Microbiology 	DynaLIFE_{Dx}
All three Laboratories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Chlamydia</i> and <i>Neisseria gonorrhoea</i> 	Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (ProvLab) - Edmonton

- Collection for these tests will still be done locally, and turnaround times will continue to be closely monitored to ensure quality patient care is being maintained.
- Physicians will not see any change to the way they order laboratory services as a result of referring testing to Edmonton.
- Delivery of these results will be same as any other testing currently done at **DynaLIFE_{Dx}** and ProvLab (Edmonton). Results will also be available in Alberta Netcare.

Why this is important:

- Wainwright, Vermilion and Westlock laboratories have historically performed as regional referral sites within the North and Central Zones.
- The recommendation to consolidate services has been considered from both a zone and provincial perspective and aligns with the sustainable Laboratory Service Model planning.
- This transition minimizes spending on capital equipment, space and staffing requirements and will support standardization of laboratory services province-wide.

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