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To: All Zones
From: Genetics & Genomics, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
Re: Molecular Diagnostic Labs Name Change

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Key Message:

- The Genetics and Genomics (G&G) Molecular Diagnostic laboratories in North and South sectors have been renamed to Molecular Genetics North and South respectively.

Why this is important:

- A recent review of APL specialty areas identified that the term “molecular diagnostics” is presently used in a variety of disciplines such as Molecular Pathology, Molecular Virology, Molecular Hematology, and the Provincial Lab for Public Health.
- Changing the name of these G&G labs to Molecular Genetics is intended to reduce confusion for both internal and external stakeholders.
- The Molecular Diagnostic Laboratories (MDL) in both Edmonton and Calgary have a long history of providing excellence in innovation and service to the people of Alberta in the areas of DNA and molecular genetic testing for pre-natal, congenital, and inherited disease, a specialty that is distinct and separate from other areas using the same terminology.
- The term Molecular Genetics is also in alignment with governing accreditation and training organizations such as the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists (CCMG) and the American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ABMGG) and their certification programs.

Action Required:

- Webpages and documentation will be updated to reflect this change.
- No further action is required.

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