



Date: September 8, 2020
To: All Zones
From: Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) – Genetics and Genomics
Re: New Connective Tissue and Vascular Disorder Testing Panels

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Key Message:

- Effective September 8, 2020, Genetics and Genomics will offer the following connective tissue disorder and vascular disorder next generation sequencing (NGS) panels:
 - Aortopathy Panel, Core
 - Aortopathy Panel, Extended
 - Cerebral Caverosus Malformation Panel
 - Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Panel
 - Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia/Arteriovenous Malformation Panel
 - Heritable Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Panel
 - Leukodystrophy and/or Porencephalopathy With Vascular Stroke Panel
 - Loeys-Dietz Syndrome Panel
 - Osteogenesis Imperfecta Panel
 - Stickler Syndrome Panel

Why this is important:

- Effective September 8, 2020 Alberta health-care providers no longer need to apply for funding for out-of-province genetic testing through the Genetic Resource Centre for these tests

Action Required:

- To learn more about panel gene content and ordering restrictions, visit the [APL Online Test Directory](#)
- To order one of these tests:
 - Alberta Health Services (AHS) providers should submit their orders using Connect Care
 - Non-AHS providers and AHS providers who do not currently have access to Connect Care should submit their orders using the [Molecular Genetics Requisition \(Calgary\)](#) found on the Genetics and Genomics webpage: <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/lab/Page8667.aspx>
 - Write the test name in the “Test Requested” section of the requisition next to “Other”

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