



Date: September 8, 2020
To: All Zones
From: Genetic Resource Centre, Genetics and Genomics
Re: New Process for Ordering Out of Province Genetic Testing

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Key Message:

- Effective September 8, 2020, the Genetic Resource Centre (GRC) will implement a new process for ordering out-of-province genetic testing.

Why this is important:

- All Alberta health-care providers who order out-of-province genetic testing must follow this new process.

Action Required:

- Please review [How to Order Out-Of-Province Genetic Testing](#) to become familiar with the new GRC process.
- Key points:
 - A new [GRC funding request form](#) is available online. This form will replace all previous versions of the GRC funding request form.
 - If the test you would like to order is on the [GRC Established Testing Menu](#), complete the requisition form/online order for the external laboratory at the time that you submit the funding request.
 - Coordinate a blood draw* for your patient prior to submitting your GRC funding request.
 - For AHS providers, all relevant forms and paperwork must be submitted to the GRC by email until the GRC has access to Connect Care (anticipated go-live date is June 2021).
 - For non-AHS providers, all relevant forms and paperwork must be submitted to the GRC using the correct **GRC fax number (403-592-4238)**

** In extenuating circumstances, saliva send-outs can be coordinated at the discretion of the ordering clinicians. This should be noted on the GRC funding request form. It is the responsibility of the ordering clinician to facilitate saliva sample send-out and tracking.*

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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