



Date: February 10, 2020
To: Community Care Providers (Provincial)
From: Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
Re: New Provincial Requisitions; New Fields to Enable Laboratory Report Delivery

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Key Message:

- Effective **February 15, 2020**, three new APL requisitions will be implemented.
 - These new requisitions replace a number of requisitions or replace content that was included on Central, North and South Zone “Laboratory Requisitions”. See page 2 for details.
 - The requisitions are intended primarily for community lab orders.
 - There are notable changes to the new requisitions. See page 4 for details.
- The new requisitions will be supplied to EMR vendors across the province.
- The new requisitions have specific fields for provider and submitter information. A requisition completion guide can be found below that outlines these fields. See page 3 for details.
 - Continue to provide your full name, address and clinic name on the requisition as you do now.
- Continue to follow local lab protocols around ordering of certain tests eg. D-Dimer or the use of the “STAT” box.
- Lab requisitions can be found at <https://www.albertaprecisionlabs.ca/Page13716.aspx>
- To find information regarding your Connect Care identifiers email ccproviderbridge@ahs.ca and/or if you experience lab report delivery issues see the Community Provider Resources located at <http://ahs.ca/ccproviderbridge>

Why this is important:

- During Connect Care implementation there will be some laboratories who are on Connect Care and others still using legacy systems; samples may be tested in any laboratory in the province. **Ensuring all lab requisitions leaving your office have both Connect Care and legacy healthcare ID’s, are the most important actions you can take to enable laboratory report delivery during transition.**

Action Required:

- Order new requisitions using your existing process. Paper requisitions will be available for order after February 15, 2020.
- Use **only** new versions of requisitions where available and include all provider/submitter/legacy ID’s on requisitions.

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New Requisitions/Form #	Replaces Requisition or Content on another Requisition	Zone	Replaces Form #
NEW General Laboratory Requisition Form # 21302(Rev2020-02) Primary Use - Community Patients	AHS Edmonton Zone "Routine Requisition"	Edmonton	CH-0021 (Rev2019-01)
	CLS "Community General Requisition"	Calgary	REQ9012PSC
	CLS "Rural Laboratory Requisition"	Calgary	REQ9014Rural 20180305
	AHS Central Zone "Routine Requisition"	Central	00286(Rev2016-06)
	AHS North Zone "Routine Requisition"	North	19946(Rev2016-01)
	AHS South Zone "Laboratory Requisition"	South	20572(Rev2018-07)
NEW Microbiology Requisition Form # 20571(Rev2020-02) Primary Use - Community Patients <i>** Microbiology Requisitions used in Calgary and Edmonton are not impacted at this time.</i>	Microbiology content previously included on the Central Zone Requisition.	Central	00283(Rev2016-06)
	Microbiology content previously included on the North Zone Requisition.	North	19946(Rev2016-01)
	South Zone "Microbiology Requisition"	South	20571(Rev2018-07)
NEW Transfusion Medicine Requisition Form # 21448(Rev2020-02) Primary Use - Community Patients <i>** Transfusion Medicine Requisitions used in Calgary and Edmonton are not impacted at this time.</i>	Replaces the Transfusion Medicine "Type & Screen" section that was previously included on the Central, North and South Zone Lab requisitions.	Central	00286(Rev2016-06)
		North	19946(Rev2016-01)
		South	20572(Rev2018-07)



		Scanning Label or Accession # (lab only)	
Patient	PHN 12345-6789	Expiry: 01 APR 2004	Date of Birth (dd-Mon-yyyy) 01 APR 2004
	Legal Last Name Sample		Legal First Name William
	Middle Name George		Alternate Identifier
Preferred Name Bill		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> X Non-binary/Prefer not to disclose	Phone xxx-xxx-xxxx
Address 111 My Avenue		City/Town Edmonton	Prov AB
			Postal Code T2T 2T2
Provider(s)	Authorizing Provider Name (last, first, middle) Example, Doctor S		Copy to Name (last, first, middle) Example, Copy Provider
	Address 1234 211 St, EDM, AB T3T 3T3		Address 4567 89 Ave, EDM, AB T5T 5T5
	CC Provider ID numeric digits	CC Submitter ID numeric digits	Legacy ID See Below
	Phone xxx-xxx-xxxx		Phone xxx-xxx-xxxx
Clinic Name Family Medicine Clinic		Clinic Name Associate Medical Clinic	Clinic Name
Collection	Date (dd-Mon-yyyy)	Time (24 hr)	

New Required Provider Information Fields

- **Authorizing Provider:** The physician/provider ordering the test and acting on the test result.
- **Connect Care (CC) Provider ID:** Unique ID assigned to the provider. This ID does not change when providers practice at more than one location.
- **Connect Care (CC) Submitter ID:** Unique ID for the location/clinic and is used to route reports.

NOTE: Both Provider ID and a separate Submitter ID are required to correctly route your reports.

New Patient Information Fields

- **PHN Expiry Date:** Required for patients with out-of-province healthcare insurance (if applicable)
- **Alternate Identifier:** Unique ID (ULI, MRN, Government issued ID etc)
- **Preferred Name:** Use if the preferred name differs from legal name.
- **Gender X Non-binary/Prefer not to disclose:** Added to provide choice of response other than "male" or "female"

Copy To Provider(s)

- Complete Name, Address and Clinic Name will assist in selecting the correct provider.

Legacy ID's:

- *** Adding the legacy ID assists non Connect Care sites with accurate provider selection for report delivery.
- Millennium ID's codes are generally 6-8 digits in length and sometimes having an alpha character at the end.
- Sunquest provider ID's are generally 1 alpha and 4 numeric characters. Location codes are 3-4 alpha characters with potentially a numeric modifier.

If a provider is at more than one location, multiple ID's are provided.

Millennium ID's	Sunquest Provider ID's	Sunquest Location Code
021130B	L1234	HYS
2021130	V4567	HYS1

Meditech does not use codes. Providers are entered by the first few letters of the provider last name and first initials. With the provision of a complete and clearly legible name, there is no need to enter anything in the Legacy ID section.



Notable Change	Details
PHN Expiry Date	This information is required for patients with out of province healthcare insurance.
Preferred Name	Use if preferred name differs from legal name.
X Non-binary/Prefer not to disclose	Added to provide choice of response other than “male” or “female”. Labs that are not on Connect Care will enter gender as “U” (unknown) and add a comment.
Authorizing Provider	This is the physician/provider ordering the test and acting on the test result.
Provider ID	Unique ID assigned to the provider. This ID does not change when providers practice at more than one location.
Submitter ID	This ID is unique to the location/clinic. It is used to route reports to the location/clinic address set up in the Connect Care.
Clinic Name	Field provided to both “authorizing and copy to” providers to give additional information to aid result delivery.
Requisition Date	Indicate the date the requisition was completed. This will allow the lab to follow up with the provider on requisition that patients bring in that are very old. e.g. > 1 year
F	Denotes tests which require fasting.
I	Tests with available instruction sheets are denoted with an “I”. Patient instruction sheets can be found at: https://albertahealthservices.ca/lab/Page3302.aspx
Third Party Bill Client	Please contact the laboratory for set up instructions of a third party client. If this section is completed, the lab will follow up.
CVD Risk Assessment	This test is in use in South Zone. Information will be sent when the test is ready for use provincially.
Cortisol	AM/PM time windows are expanded.
Testosterone	AM/PM has been removed and replaced by “total”
H Pylori	Testing will be performed based on local protocol; stool antigen or Urea Breath Test. The interim APL Test Directory provides testing information. Note that this directory is undergoing changes to amalgamate individual zone content. https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/webapps/labservices/indexAPL.asp?zoneid=1&SearchText=&submit=Submit+Query&upperTest=-1&lowerTest=-1
Cardiology	Section has differences for order/interpretation based on Edmonton, Calgary, outside Calgary and Edmonton.
Type & Screen	Note new Transfusion Medicine Requisition for use in Central, North and South Zones. Existing TM requisitions in Calgary and Edmonton are not impacted at this time. Prenatal RBC Serology is still performed by Canadian Blood Services and requires the CBS Requisition https://blood.ca/en/requisitions-and-forms
Microbiology	The new Microbiology requisition is for use in Central, North and South Zones. There is no change to Calgary and Edmonton microbiology requisitions at this time.