



# **Laboratory Bulletin**

Date: June 19, 2013

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 and DynaLIFE<sub>Dx</sub>

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

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### **Key Messages:**

- Effective June 24, 2013, all General Microbiology testing currently performed at Wainwright, Westlock and Vermillion Laboratories; Hemoglobin A1c testing and all Immunochemistry (with the exception of BHCG testing at Wainwright) currently performed at Wainwright and Westlock Laboratories, will be referred to DynaLIFE<sub>DX</sub> in Edmonton.
- Collection of these tests will still be done locally. Use existing specimen transport processes.
- Use the *DynaLIFE<sub>Dx</sub>* Microbiology requisition to order general microbiology tests.
- An initial supply of DynaLIFE<sub>DX</sub> Microbiology requisitions will be provided to all health centres.
- Ordering of laboratory collection supplies will continue to be through your usual supply ordering system.
- Delivery of results will be the same as any other testing currently done at DynaLIFE<sub>DX</sub>. Results will also be
  available in Alberta Netcare (please be reminded that reports for out-of-country patients do not cross to Alberta
  Netcare).
- Microbiology consultation services will be handled by DynaLIFE<sub>DX</sub>. Please call 780-451-3702 and ask for the Microbiologist-on-Call.
- Turnaround times will continue to be closely monitored to ensure quality patient care is being maintained.

#### **Action Required:**

- Continue to use current ordering requisitions for Immunochemistry and Hemoglobin A1c tests. There will be no change in ordering practices.
- Use the DynaLIFE<sub>DX</sub> purchasing requisition to order additional DynaLIFE<sub>DX</sub> Microbiology requisitions (Order # 1S1525).

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