

Date: September 18, 2013

To: North Zone – Former Peace Country Health Region
Physicians, Nurse Managers, Educators, and Practitioners, Laboratory Directors and Managers

From: AHS Laboratory Services and *DynaLIFE_{Dx}*

Re: Elimination of Back Entry (Transcription) of Pathology Results in Meditech

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Key Messages:

- Effective October 1, 2013, the Laboratory at Queen Elizabeth II Hospital (QEII) will discontinue transcribing pathology referred out test results into the Meditech Electronic Medical Record (EMR).
- Pathology specimens received at the QE II Laboratory will be triaged and either processed on site (resource dependent) or will be referred to the *DynaLIFE_{Dx}* Laboratory in Edmonton.
- **Results** for pathology specimens that are referred to *DynaLIFE_{Dx}* will no longer display in the Meditech EMR. The full lab report is viewable in Alberta Netcare.

Meditech EMR:

- Surgical Pathology referred out specimens will be accessioned in the Meditech Lab module. New **orders** will cause the “Laboratory” button in the EMR to change to **RED**. When the information is accessed, the user will see; **“Sample referred out for testing. See Netcare and/or paper report.”**
- When viewing a referred out test in the Meditech EMR, the user will see a **“Netcare Link”** button on the right EMR menu bar. Clicking on the button will take the user directly to that patient record in Netcare (if the user has Netcare portal access).

Report Delivery:

- **Paper and electronic delivery of referred out pathology reports to physicians will become the responsibility of *DynaLIFE_{Dx}*.**
- Paper reports will be delivered using existing mechanisms including courier, mail or secure auto fax.
- This change will align with the laboratory report processes for referred out laboratory specimens in Central, South and North Zone (former Aspen).

Action required:

If ...	Then ...
Alberta Netcare access is required	Call the Alberta Netcare Portal Access Enrolment line at: 1-866-756-2647 or go to: www.albertanetcare.ca
Auto-fax report delivery from <i>DynaLIFE_{Dx}</i> is preferred	Contact the <i>DynaLIFE_{Dx}</i> Data Editors at: 780-451-3702 ext. 8144
For additional information please go to: http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/3290.asp under the North Zone heading.	

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