



Date: September 8, 2020
To: Physicians, Nursing and Laboratory staff in Connect Care Live sites
From: APL Transfusion Medicine
Re: Ordering of Cold Agglutinin Testing in Connect Care

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Key Message:

- Effective 14 September 2020, the Cold Agglutinin Screen orderable in Connect Care will be inactivated.
- Order **Cold Agglutinin Titre** when either a Cold Agglutinin Screen or Titre is required.

Why this is Important:

- Cold Agglutinin Screen is only performed in the Calgary zone.
- Cold Agglutinin Titre results were being delayed when Cold Agglutinin Screen was ordered, due to testing being referred to Calgary.
- Inactivating the Cold Agglutinin Screen in Connect Care will ensure testing is referred to the correct testing laboratory.
- The lab will be responsible for performing and resulting the correct test as per zone process.

Background:

- Cold Agglutinin Testing protocols are different between zones.
- In Calgary Zone, a Cold Agglutinin Screen is ordered by the clinician and performed prior to the Cold Agglutinin Titre, while in other zones, the Cold Agglutinin Titre is performed without a prior screen test.

Action Required:

- If either Cold Agglutinin Screen or Titre is required, order Cold Agglutinin Titre in Connect Care.

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