



Date: December 30, 2019
To: Nursing and Unit Clerks in North Zone ARH Sites
From: Alberta Precision Laboratories
Re: Ordering Prenatal Initial Screening in Meditech OE

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Key Message:

- Effective January 6, 2020, a new test code, **PS**, will be active in ARH sites for ordering first trimester prenatal initial screening serology testing performed by Public Health Laboratory (formerly ProvLab).

Why this is important:

- The group test code **PS** may now be used to order the entire prenatal initial screening serology panel instead of ordering each test code individually. The individual test codes are still available if needed.
- The test code **PREN** is still required to order prenatal RBC serology screening performed by Canadian Blood Services (CBS).

Group Test	Component Tests
PS (Prenatal Serology)	HBSAG HIV RUBIGG SYPAB VZIGG
PREN (Prenatal Screen, CBS)	PREN

Action Required:

- When ordering prenatal initial screening (first trimester), use the group test codes:
 - **PS** - prenatal serology (testing performed by Public Health Laboratories)
 - **PREN** - prenatal screen, CBS (RBC serology performed by CBS)
- When ordering postnatal testing, including retroactive prenatal screening tests for patients who did not receive prenatal
- Do not use **PS** to order prenatal serology screening on a post-partum mother. Use individual test codes to order the appropriate testing per the Maternal Newborn Child & Youth SCN Pregnancy Pathways recommendations.

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/about/scn/ahs-scn-mncy-pp-nb-pathway.pdf>
<https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/scn/tms-scn-mncy-order-set-labour-and-birth.pdf>

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