
Date: November 1, 2013
To: Clients of the Provincial Laboratory for Public Health
From: Provincial Laboratory for Public Health (ProvLab)
Re: ProvLab's Transition to Cerner Millennium® Laboratory Information System (LIS)

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Key Messages:

- On December 1, 2013, ProvLab will begin using the Cerner Millennium® Laboratory Information System (LIS).
- ProvLab's hard copy laboratory report will be in a new format.
- The laboratory report may contain test results from both ProvLab and Calgary Laboratory Services (CLS).
- Methods of report delivery may change. Whenever possible electronic report delivery, e.g. Sunrise Clinical Manager and Physician Electronic Medical Records (EMR's) will be implemented in the Calgary Zone.
- ProvLab's ER4 web portal will continue to be populated with laboratory reports and will include laboratory test results performed by CLS as well.
- The electronic display of ProvLab's test results in Alberta Netcare will change:
 - The test name instead of the specimen type will display for look up.
 - If the result is abnormal, the test name will be displayed in red text.
- ProvLab and CLS are sharing the LIS database and, because CLS maintains the patient demographic and provider database, physicians may receive calls from CLS requesting information to update records.

Action Required:

- Please review the pdf of the PowerPoint presentation: ***ProvLab's Transition to Cerner Millennium® Laboratory Information System*** located at: www.provlab.ab.ca/education.htm. The presentation provides additional information on the changes noted above.
- The presentation may also be accessed on the AHS Laboratory Services website at: <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/3290.asp> under the heading "Provincial Laboratory for Public Health".

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