



Date: September 29, 2020
To: Edmonton Zone, North Zone
From: Genetics and Genomics
Re: Potential Rerouting of Specimens – Cytogenetics North

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Key Message:

- Effective immediately, due to temporary staffing shortages, prenatal, constitutional blood and some oncology specimens may be rerouted from the Cytogenetics Laboratory North laboratory, located in Edmonton, to the Cytogenetics South laboratory in Calgary, or out of country for culture and analysis as deemed appropriate in the best interest of patient care. Our in-house testing will resume when staffing levels return to normal.

Why this is important:

- Results may not be reported immediately in EPIC Beaker or NetCare. Results will be faxed to the referring clinician.

Action Required:

- Ensure a fax number and all physician and clinic contact information is included on test requisitions.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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