

Date: February 21, 2019
To: Calgary Zone Physicians and Rural Physicians
From: Dr. Davinder Sidhu, Clinical Section Chief, Transfusion Medicine
Re: Pretransfusion Testing Requirements

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Key Message:

- All manual orders for pretransfusion testing must be received by the lab on either a Pretransfusion Testing Requisition (REQ9004TM) or TM2199 for PreOps).
- A RTSIS card must accompany ALL pretransfusion Testing orders.
- Effective immediately, pretransfusion testing will only be completed with appropriate requisitions.

Why this is important:

- Orders received on a Community General Requisition (REQ9012PSC) will NOT be collected as pretransfusion testing.

Background

- Patients have been arriving to community labs without the correct requisitions for pretransfusion testing which results in unnecessary testing and confusion.

Action Required:

- Review the attached Images for Acceptable Pretransfusion Requisitions.
- Share this information with your colleagues that may be affected by this change.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by:

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The new subsidiary model combines lab services previously provided by AHS, Calgary Lab Services (CLS), Covenant Health, Lamont Health Care Centre, and the addition of services currently provided by DynaLIFE being added in 2022. This integration under APL also includes the merging of over 6,000 staff from across the province into the single organization.

In the coming weeks you will be receiving further information related to APL. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact APL.Communications@albertapubliclabs.ca.

