



Date: December 2, 2019
To: QEII Hospital, Bonnyville Healthcare Centre, and St. Mary's Hospital Nursing Staff
Physicians, Infection Prevention and Control
From: Alberta Precision Laboratories, Microbiology
Re: Referral of VRE screening tests to Dynalife, Edmonton

PLEASE POST OR DISTRIBUTE AS WIDELY AS APPROPRIATE

Key Message:

- Effective December 3, 2019, all orders for Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci (VRE) screening at these facilities will no longer be tested on site. They will be routinely referred out to *DynaLIFE* Diagnostics Microbiology Department in Edmonton, Alberta.

Why this is important:

- It is anticipated that any delay in result turnaround due to increased transport time will be minimal and will not impact patient care.
- Reports will no longer be available in Meditech. Results will be faxed directly to the ordering location and will also be available in Netcare.

Action Required:

- Ordering and specimen collection processes will not change. Please see the Laboratory Test Directory for collection and handling instructions.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

- Wendy Corbiere, Rural Laboratory Director, North Sector 780-826-8254,
wendy.corbiere@albertapubliclabs.ca
- Wendy Mazzuca, Director Urban Hospital Laboratories, North Sector 780-862-2987,
Wendy.Mazzuca@albertapubliclabs.ca

This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by:

Dr. Michael Mengel, North Sector Medical Director, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
Chair Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, University of Alberta