



**Date:** January 27, 2020  
**To:** North-East Central Zone Physicians, Nursing Staff and Laboratory Staff  
**From:** Clinical Biochemistry, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)  
**Re:** Removal of Neonatal Bilirubin testing from St-Joseph's Hospital in Vegreville, as well as Daysland, Two Hills and Vermilion Health Centers

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**Key Message:**

- Effective **February 3, 2020**, Neonatal Bilirubin Testing will no longer be performed at St. Joseph's Hospital in Vegreville, Daysland, Two Hills and Vermilion Health Centers.
- Testing will be referred to Wainwright Health Center or St-Mary's Hospital in Camrose.
- Anticipated turnaround time is 24-48 hours; if shorter turnaround times are required, please contact the lab so that STAT transport could be arranged.
- Results will be available in Netcare and Physician Office Systems (POS).

**Why this is important:**

- Neonatal Bilirubin testing at St-Joseph's Hospital in Vegreville, as well as Daysland, Two Hills and Vermilion Health Centers is discontinued due to the low volume of test ordering.

**Action Required:**

- Please be aware of the changes in referral pattern.
- For faster turnaround times referral of the patients to the centers offering Neonatal Bilirubin testing on-site is recommended (St-Mary's Hospital in Camrose, Provost, Viking and Wainwright Health Centers).

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