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**To:** Edmonton, Central and North Zones  
Physicians, Nurses, Laboratory Directors and Managers, and Calgary  
Laboratory Services

**From:** AHS Laboratory Services and *DynaLIFE<sub>Dx</sub>*

**Re:** Consolidation of Toxicology and Trace Element Testing

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**Key Messages:**

Effective October 23, 2012, AHS Laboratory Services and *DynaLIFE<sub>Dx</sub>* (DL) have agreed to consolidate Toxicology and Trace Element testing at the University of Alberta Hospital (UAH) laboratory. This will transition some testing formerly performed at *DynaLIFE<sub>Dx</sub>* Base Lab to the UAH.

- Changes to reference ranges will not be clinically significant.
- Test results will be available in Alberta Netcare and patient reports will continue to be delivered through established mechanisms.
- AHS Laboratory Services and DL will work together during and after the transition to ensure the process is as seamless as possible.

**Why this is important:**

- This transition will allow Laboratory Services to move towards a more integrated service model.
- This transition supports the standardization of processes for referral work, including logistics, specimen handling and report distribution enhancing consistency within and across zones.

**Sample Handling and Report Changes:**

- Referral site location codes for Laboratory Information Systems will be required to be updated as applicable; UAH and DL will facilitate testing until updates can take place.

**Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:**

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