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**To:** Central Zone (former East Central Region) and North Zone (former Aspen Region)  
Physicians, Nurses and Lab Directors and Managers

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

**Re:** Transition of Former Aspen & East Central Referral Work to *DynaLIFE<sub>Dx</sub>* (DL)

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### Key Messages:

- Alberta Health Services (AHS) and *DynaLIFE<sub>Dx</sub>* (DL) have agreed DL will provide selected clinical referral laboratory testing services currently performed by the University of Alberta Hospital (UAH) and ProvLab for the former Aspen & East Central regions.
- Changes to reference ranges will not be clinically significant.
- Test results will be available in flow sheets on Netcare and patient reports will continue to be delivered through established mechanisms.
- Consolidation will commence on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- AHS and DL will work together during and after 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 across the North, Central and Edmonton Zones.

### Sample handling changes:

- Current microbiology collection containers for fecal specimens will be accepted, but the Meridian Para-Pak Enteric Plus Transport System (Somagen Catalog # 900812) is preferred for remote transport.

### Report changes

- The current ProvLab reporting system (ER4) will not be used for reporting testing performed by DL. Microbiology testing performed by DL will appear via reporting as current with other non-microbiology referral testing.

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