

Integration of Community Lab Services in Alberta

What is happening with lab services in Alberta?

A joint agreement between AHS and DynaLIFE has been made to integrate all public laboratory services operations in Alberta under Alberta Precision Labs.

The agreement with DynaLIFE will enable the transition of both community lab services and employees to APL, and will ensure continuity of service and employment.

When will APL take over the assets of DynaLIFE?

This agreement closed on August 31st. Although operations will transfer to AHS/APL on September 1, 2023, the transition to APL of staff and systems is expected to be completed by December 18, 2023.

Why has this agreement been reached?

DynaLIFE and APL have always shared a focus on patients, and ensuring the safety, accessibility, and stability of lab services, across Alberta. This is a mutual decision between Dynalife and AHS to best serve Albertans.

What will happen to DynaLIFE staff?

Although DynaLIFE operations have now transferred to APL oversight, the integration of staff is expected to be completed by December 18, 2023. All DynaLIFE staff will transition to APL/AHS. There will be no job loss. We will continue to work closely with staff and unions to ensure transparency, and seek feedback as we move forward.

Will this improve lab services in Alberta?

APL and DynaLIFE have been working collaboratively to address challenges.

We will continue to address accessibility and efficiency of community lab services, working collaboratively with DynaLIFE staff and leadership throughout this transition.

What will happen to existing lab appointments?

All existing appointments will continue as scheduled.

Albertans can continue to book their lab appointments using the provincial booking system [QMe](#) or by calling 1-877-702-4486.

What action is being taken to address wait times and other challenges?

APL has been working, and will continue to work closely with DynaLIFE staff and physicians through this transition.

Hundreds of additional weekly appointments have been added at in-hospital labs in Calgary for community patients.

Additional staff are being recruited so that in-hospital labs can continue to expand these community lab appointments.

APL has added additional providers to boost capacity, which will result in several thousand further appointments per week.

A new community patient service centre is opening in southeast Calgary and expansions at Glenbrook and Airdrie patient service centres, will result in about 2,500 new appointments weekly later this fall.

Will DynaLIFE continue to provide services in Edmonton and North Zones as they have done for many years?

All DynaLIFE community lab services are being integrated into APL, including those formerly operated by DynaLIFE in Edmonton and North Zones.