

DATE:	10 November 2025
TO:	Physicians, Nurses and Managers at Fort Vermilion, High Level and La Crete
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories
RE:	Testing Methodology Change to QuidelOrtho D-Dimer in Fort Vermilion and High Level

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Key Message

- Effective November 13, 2025, at 0700 hours D-dimer testing will be transitioning from the ACL Elite Pro method to the Triage Meter method. For High Level this is just a methodology change. For Fort Vermilion D-Dimer testing will now be offered on site. For La Crete the testing will now be performed in Fort Vermilion.

How this will impact you

- Reference Range is changing to <0.50 mg/L DDU from <0.23 mg/L DDU
- This change will involve a different collection container. All D-Dimer testing will be collected in an EDTA tube. Epic specimen labels and the APL test directory page will be updated to reflect the tube type change at all three sites.

Action Required

- Be aware of the change to the reference range.
- Be aware of changes in container type.
- Collect samples for D-dimer testing in an EDTA tube.

Effective November 13, 2025

Questions/Concerns

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