

DATE:	16 December 2025
TO:	All Healthcare Providers
FROM:	Clinical Biochemistry, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	Temporary Unavailability of Lipoprotein (a) [Lp(a)]

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Key Message

- Effective immediately, lipoprotein (a) [Lp(a)] is temporarily unavailable.

Why this is important

- Due to supply chain shortage identified by the vendor, Alberta Precision Laboratories has very limited supply of reagent for Lp(a) testing.
- There is no alternative method currently available.
- Our team is working with the vendor to address the issue.
- Lp(a) results will be delayed.
- The estimated resumption date is unknown but will be communicated as soon as testing is available.

Action Required

- If possible, consider deferring Lp(a) requests until after the shortage resolves. Otherwise, samples will be stored in the laboratory until testing can be resumed.
- If Lp(a) result is required urgently, contact the laboratory.
- As a reminder, Lp(a) levels are not influenced by age, sex, fasting state, inflammation, or lifestyle factors, so repeat measurements are not required for risk assessment. Please review the patient chart for previous Lp(a) results before ordering.

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