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DATE:	19 January 2026
TO:	All Zones: AHS Healthcare Professionals and Providers performing Point of Care Testing
FROM:	Point of Care Testing (POCT), Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	**Removal of Epic Enter/Edit Functionality for POCT Manual Glucose and POCT Transcutaneous Bilirubin (TcB) Test Result Entry**

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Key Message
- Effective January 20, Epic Enter/Edit (E/E) functionality for **POCT Manual Glucose** and **POCT Transcutaneous Bilirubin** test result entry will be removed as part of the phased approach to remove all POCT E/E functionality.
  - All POCT patient results must be documented through the provincial POCT middleware, AegisPOC, either automatically with connected devices or through manual test result entry (MTRE) for unconnected devices. This workflow facilitates positive patient identification and completes patient test result documentation in Connect Care, including Epic and Netcare.

Background
- Epic E/E POCT result entry was introduced in Connect Care Launch 1 as an __interim__ workflow to allow for basic documentation of POCT test results for unconnected devices.
- There are serious limitations to the E/E workflow compared to AegisPOC MTRE, such as: 1) results are not in Netcare, 2) up-to-date reference intervals and other testing information do not appear alongside results, 3) results cannot be trended, 4) results cannot be retrieved within lab data analysis requests, and 5) test frequency cannot be tracked to automatically recertify POCT operators.
- Several Epic E/E POCT result entry functionalities have been decommissioned since June 2025 (Appendix 1). Clinical impact was minimal.
- Additional Epic E/E POCT result entry functionalities will be decommissioned in the future, following communication and educational resource sharing to clinical areas to support the changes (Appendix 1).

How this will impact you
- Be aware that Epic E/E test result entry for **POCT Manual Glucose** and **POCT Transcutaneous Bilirubin** will be unavailable.
- You must use appropriate AegisPOC MTRE workflows to document POCT results in Connect Care: *Insite.ahs.ca/Teams > Lab Services > Our Services > Point of Care Testing > Connect Care Resources.*
  - Workflows are __only__ available to clinical areas that perform POCT under APL POCT support.

Action Required
- If your clinical area performs supported Manual Glucose or TcB POCT, use the AegisPOC workflow ONLY.
- Contact your Zone POCT department for further guidance and follow-up if:
  - Your clinical area performs Manual Glucose or TcB POCT that is unsupported by APL POCT
  - You use an E/E workflow for a test(s) outlined for a future phase(s) in Appendix 1.

Questions/Concerns

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Appendix 1. Timeline for Epic Enter/Edit POCT Result Entry Removal

Phase	Enter/Edit Test Orderable	Removal Date
Phase 1	*POCT B-Type Natriuretic Peptide (NT-ProBNP) Manual** *POCT Chemistry 8 Manual** *POCT Creatinine** *POCT HbA1c Manual** *POCT Hemoglobin Manual** *POCT Thromboelastometry (Rotem) Manual** *POCT HIV Rapid Assay Manual***	***Complete** (26 June 2025)*
Phase 2a	*POCT Pregnancy Urine Manual*	***Complete** (25 November 2025)*
Phase 2b*	*POCT AmnioTest Manual* *POCT AmniSure Manual*	***Complete** (16 December 2025)*
Phase 3	AHS Non-Connected Glucose Meter POCT Manual POCT Bilirubinometry Manual (Jaundice Meter)	20 January 2026
Phase 4*	POCT Urinalysis Dipstick Manual	By March 2026
Phase 5*	POCT INR Manual	TBD, no later than 31 Mar 2026

*Tests may be shifted to other phases as dictated by resource availability.