

<b>DATE:</b>	17 February 2026
<b>TO:</b>	All Zones: AHS Healthcare Professionals and Providers performing Point of Care Testing
<b>FROM:</b>	Point of Care Testing (POCT), Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Removal of Epic Enter/Edit Functionality for POCT Urinalysis Dipstick (Manual) Test Result Entry</b>

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### Key Message

- Effective February 24, Epic Enter/Edit (E/E) functionality for **POCT Urinalysis Dipstick (Manual)** 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, Netcare, and MyChart.

### 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 or MyChart, 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.
- One additional Epic E/E POCT result entry functionality will be decommissioned in the future, following communication and educational resource sharing to clinical areas to support the change (Appendix 1).

### How this will impact you

- Be aware that Epic E/E test result entry for **POCT Urinalysis Dipstick (Manual)** 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 **POCT Urinalysis Dipstick (Manual)**, use the AegisPOC Manual Test Result Entry workflow **ONLY**.
- Contact your Zone POCT department for further guidance and follow-up if:
  - Your clinical area performs **POCT Urinalysis Dipstick (Manual)** that is unsupported by APL POCT

### Questions/Concerns

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

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Enter/Edit Test Orderable</b>	<b>Removal Date</b>
<i>Phase 1</i>	<i>POCT B-Type Natriuretic Peptide (NT-ProBNP) Manual*</i> <i>POCT Chemistry 8 Manual*</i> <i>POCT Creatinine*</i> <i>POCT HbA1c Manual*</i> <i>POCT Hemoglobin Manual*</i> <i>POCT Thromboelastometry (Rotem) Manual*</i> <i>POCT HIV Rapid Assay Manual**</i>	<b>Complete</b> (June 26, 2025)
<i>Phase 2a</i>	<i>POCT Pregnancy Urine Manual</i>	<b>Complete</b> (November 25, 2025)
<i>Phase 2b</i>	<i>POCT AmnioTest Manual</i> <i>POCT AmniSure Manual</i>	<b>Complete</b> (December 16, 2025)
<i>Phase 3</i>	<i>AHS Non-Connected Glucose Meter POCT Manual</i> <i>POCT Bilirubinometry Manual (Jaundice Meter)</i>	<b>Complete</b> (January 20, 2026)
Phase 4	POCT Urinalysis Dipstick Manual	February 24, 2026
Phase 5	POCT INR Manual	TBD