

DATE:	20 February 2026
TO:	All Hematologists/Oncologists
FROM:	Calgary Flow Cytometry, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	Temporary Discontinuation of Platelet Reticulocyte Testing

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Key Message

- **Effective immediately**, platelet reticulocytes (Synonym: PRET, Reticulated Platelets) will be temporarily discontinued provincially. This test is performed only in the Calgary Zone Flow Cytometry department.

Background

- Reticulated platelets are currently analyzed via flow cytometry and due to reagent and methodology challenges, testing will be temporarily discontinued.
- There is no alternative method currently available.
- Estimated resumption date of testing will be communicated as soon as testing is available.

How this will impact you

- Test requests for reticulated platelets will be cancelled.

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