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TO:	Central Zone Physicians
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RE:	Semen Analysis Requisitions

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Key Message

- Red Deer Regional Hospital (RDRH) Laboratory is experiencing significant challenges related to patient requisitions for Semen Analysis testing, specifically: **Fertility Screening and Post-Vasectomy Testing**

Background

- Red Deer Regional Hospital Laboratory is a designated testing facility for Fertility Screening and Post-Vasectomy samples. Recently, the laboratory has seen an increasing number of problems related to **missing or incorrect requisitions**, resulting in:
 - Cancelled testing appointments**, causing patient frustration and delays in care.
 - Incomplete or delayed results for providers**, impacting continuity of patient management.

How this will impact you

- If RDRH Laboratory is unable to obtain the requisition from the ordering provider in time for testing on the scheduled appointment day, patients may need to meet with their physician again to obtain a new requisition.
- If the requisition specifies testing under 'Edmonton Only' patients will be **required** to book at the Edmonton Zone Andrology Laboratory. RDRH Laboratory **does not** perform Fertility Assessment, Sperm Antibody or Retrograde Analysis testing.

Action Required

- Physicians ordering Fertility Screening or Post-Vasectomy testing must ensure patients receive the **appropriate [Semen Analysis Requisition](#)** (electronic or paper) from their clinic.
- Physician clinics must provide **clear instructions** to patients to **bring the requisition to RDRH and follow the Collection Requirements and Booking Instructions** for their scheduled appointment.

Effective **Immediately**

Questions/Concerns

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