

<b>DATE:</b>	16 March 2026
<b>TO:</b>	All Zones: All Physicians, Nurses, Laboratory Services Staff
<b>FROM:</b>	Alberta Precision Laboratories – Ophthalmic Subspecialty Group
<b>RE:</b>	<b>Implementation of the New Provincial Ophthalmic Pathology Requisition</b>

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## Key Message

- A **NEW** provincial Ophthalmic Pathology Requisition #22278 has been developed and is now available.
- The new provincial requisition must be used for all ophthalmic specimens and include the following details:
  - Body site for each specimen, including laterality and upper versus lower lid, is required on the requisition. A picture is not a valid body site; it must be written on the requisition. If the site is the same for more than one specimen (ie. Left Lower Lid) must also be designated as A, B, etc. on the requisition and the container. The laterality on the diagram must match the written body site.
- Ophthalmic samples and requests must be submitted in accordance with the following laboratory policy:
  - [Acceptance of Laboratory Samples and Test Requests Policy \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/acceptance-of-laboratory-samples-and-test-requests-policy)
  - [Acceptance of Laboratory Samples and Test Requests Policy - Appendix A \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/acceptance-of-laboratory-samples-and-test-requests-policy-appendix-a)

## Background

- Consistent ordering processes and forms support quality patient care.

## How this will impact you

<b>For community sites/clinics that do not have access to Connect Care</b>
<b>NEW</b> – Ophthalmic Pathology Requisition #22278 (2026-02): <a href="https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-22278.pdf">https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/frm-22278.pdf</a>
<b>For acute care sites with access to Connect Care</b>
Order ophthalmic testing/consultation through designated Connect Care ordering process.

## Action Required

- Discard/archive existing copies of the following requisition:
  - *OPHTHALMIC PATHOLOGY CONSULTATION REQUISITION: REQ9033AP*
- For sites that do not have access to Connect Care: obtain the new **APL Ophthalmic Pathology Requisition #22278 (2026-02)** from the APL website [Requisitions | Alberta Precision Laboratories](https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/requisitions)
- For sites that have access to Connect Care: order ophthalmic testing/consultation through designated ordering routine.



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**Questions/Concerns**

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