

DATE:	13 April 2026
TO:	All Zones: All Physicians, Nurses, Laboratory Services Staff
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories – Anatomic Pathology
RE:	Revised Process for Lymphoma Diagnostic Pathway in Connect Care

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Key Message

- A new electronic ordering process has been built in Connect Care for flagging lymphoma diagnostic pathway patient sample.
- When a lymph node source is selected when ordering surgical pathology in Connect Care, a new (non hard-stop) question will populate – “Is this a lymphoma diagnostic pathway patient?”; select yes if this is the case
- Refer to the **Connect Care Pathology Specimen Ordering and Collection Quick Start Guide** for details on the new workflow. The Quick Start Guide is accessible under CMIO Connect Care resources.

Background

- Inconsistencies in the current ordering process caused confusion and an increase in the risk of errors.
- Consistent ordering supports quality practices and standardized patient care in Alberta.
- Further details available on the [Lymph Node Assessment Primary Care Pathway](https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/aph/if-aph-lymph-node-assessment-primary-care-pathway.pdf); <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/aph/if-aph-lymph-node-assessment-primary-care-pathway.pdf>

Action Required

- Please follow the new process as outlined in the Quick Start Guide.

Effective **April 14, 2026**

Questions/Concerns

- **Inquiries related to Connect Care workflows can be directed to** CMIO-TrainingTeam@albertahealthservices.ca
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