

Health Care Provider Bulletin

LifeLabs Service Updates: 07/15/2025

LIPOPROTEIN (a) [Lp(a)] REAGENT SHORTAGE

LifeLabs is experiencing a shortage of Lipoprotein (a) (Lp(a)) reagent due to vendor supply issues and an international increase in demand for Lp(a).

As a result, Lipoprotein (a) testing will be suspended in Ontario on **July 17, 2025**. The estimated return to testing date is **July 25, 2025**.

Lipoprotein (a) can still be ordered during this time, and samples will continue to be collected and accepted at patient service centers and physician offices. The laboratory will follow protocols for aliquoting and freezing the samples upon receipt until testing can be safely resumed. Samples are stable for 28 days upon freezing at -20°C. We ask you to consider deferring requests for Lipoprotein (a) wherever possible during the affected time.

Lp(a) is an independent risk factor for atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease. Other risk factors for cardiovascular disease, such as the lipid panel, will continue to be tested during this period.

If you have any questions, please contact the LifeLabs Customer Care Center at 1-877-849-3637.

Sincerely,
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