

Health Care Provider Bulletin

LifeLabs Service Updates: 10/27/2025

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

Dear Health Care Provider,

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 we don't anticipate receiving our shipment of reagent until the third week of November, we have been collaborating with other laboratories to refer out the testing. However, they are not able to meet the testing volume required to allow us to continue collecting samples without interruption.

As a result, test ordering for Lipoprotein (a) will be suspended in Ontario on October 27, 2025. The estimated return to test ordering is November 10, 2025. Any patients that present a requisition for the Lipoprotein (a) test at a LifeLabs location will be asked to return for collection after November 9, 2025. If there are other tests on their requisition in addition to Lp(a), patients can have their collection for the other tests completed and return after November 9 for Lp(a).

Additionally, any patients that had a collection for Lipoprotein (a) between October 15 and October 24, 2025, at a LifeLabs patient service centre may receive their results from another laboratory due to the testing being performed by a referring lab using a different methodology. Reference intervals will remain the same (M/F (all age): <100 nmol/L).

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.