

**OBJECTIVE**

Alberta clinicians optimize laboratory testing for investigation of suspected galactorrhea

**TARGET POPULATION**

Patients with non-puerperal secretions of milk

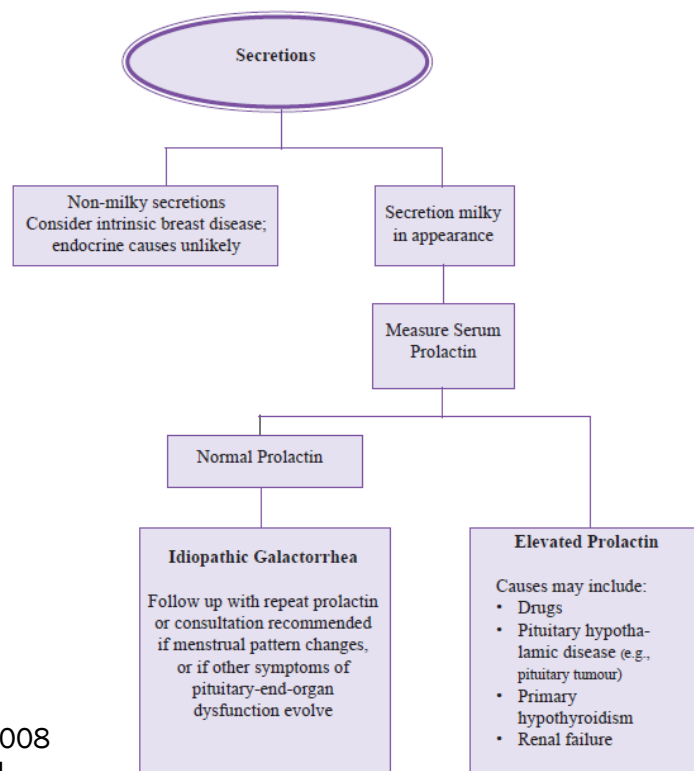
**EXCLUSIONS**

None

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- ✓ Evaluate secretions during breast examination
- ✓ Repeat testing if equivocal prolactin results
- ✓ Measure prolactin level at least one hour after a breast examination as breast trauma or manipulation can affect prolactin levels
- ✓ Refer to algorithm below for diagnostic options

**Algorithm: Investigation of Galactorrhea**



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