Date 7/19/18

TECHNICAL ALERT

Urine Creatinine
Effective Tuesday, July 24, Mercy Clinical Laboratory (MCL) will begin use of a Beckman Coulter Urine Calibrator for Urine Creatinine that is traceable to a higher order reference material from the National Institute of Standards (NIST). This improvement will produce a negative bias of 10-15% for patient results as compared to the results obtained using the current urine creatinine calibrator material. An internal study has been completed at MCL that confirms this claim.

Haptoglobin
Effective Tuesday, July 24, MCL will no longer accept plasma (green top) samples for haptoglobin testing. Haptoglobin specimen requirements will be updated to accept serum only (gold or red top) to comply with the manufacturer recommendations.

If you have any questions, please contact Core Lab Manager, Andrea Jones, at 515-247-4484.

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