

Laboratory Update

New PFA Analyzer Go-Live (Effective Oct. 6, 2026)

The Laboratory is pleased to announce the implementation of a new Platelet Function Analyzer (PFA).

While the testing methodology and clinical interpretation will remain unchanged, the new analyzer was validated using **3.2% sodium citrate** collection tubes. To ensure compliance with validation requirements and maintain the accuracy and reliability of patient results, 3.8% sodium citrate tubes will **no longer** be accepted for PFA testing effective October 6, 2026.

What this means for providers and collection staff:

- PFA specimens must be collected in 3.2% sodium citrate tubes.
- Specimens collected in 3.8% sodium citrate tubes will be rejected for testing.
- No changes to test ordering, result interpretation, or clinical use of the assay are anticipated.

Please review current collection procedures and ensure the appropriate citrate tubes are available in your area prior to the go-live date. If you have questions regarding specimen collection or testing requirements, please contact the Laboratory.



New Orderable: Group B Strep Culture + Reflex Susceptibility (Effective Oct. 6, 2026)

We are pleased to announce a new laboratory test available beginning October 6, 2026: **Culture Group B Strep with Reflex to Susceptibility**

This test should be ordered for patients with a documented penicillin allergy. No additional questions, callbacks, or requests for further workup are required. Included below is the test information:

LAB5548 – Culture Group B Strep with Reflex to Susceptibility

Results:

- 12303000035 – Culture, Prenatal Group B Streptococcus
- If positive, reflex testing includes LAB2000 – Disk Diffusion:
 - 18908-4 – Clindamycin Susceptibility

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