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Laboratory Update

Important Reminder: Platelet Clumping Specimen Collection & Transport

The laboratory would like to provide a quick reminder regarding patients with a history of platelet clumping. For these patients, please either notify the laboratory to arrange a STAT courier pickup or have the patient come directly to the Atrium Draw Station.

Because the **Platelet Count, Citrated Blood Calculated test** is only stable for **2 hours following collection**, timely transportation and processing are critical. Additionally, if you have a patient with a history of platelet clumping, **both** of the following tests are required:

PLATELET COUNT, CITRATED BLOOD CALCULATED (Lab Directory)

Collection Requirements:

- 1 LT Blue Top tube
- 1 EDTA Lavender Top tube

Specimen Preparation:

- Draw one EDTA Lavender tube and draw 2.7 ml in a Blue Top tube. Blue top tube must be filled appropriately to the fill line. Do not Centrifuge specimens. Refrigerate.

CBC WITH AUTO DIFF (Lab Directory)

Collection Requirements:

- EDTA Lavender

Specimen Preparation:

- Draw in a EDTA Lavender Top tube and refrigerate.

If you have any questions regarding specimen collection, handling, or transport requirements, please contact the laboratory. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping ensure the most accurate results for our patients.

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