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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Medical Staff

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And

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DATE: December 5, 2008

RE: Hepatitis B and C Viral Load Sample Volume Increase and Tube Change

Effective January 1, 2009, the Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory will transition from using 3.0 mL purple-top EDTA tubes to 6.0 mL pink-top EDTA tubes for Hepatitis B (HBV) and Hepatitis C (HCV) viral load testing. Transitioning to the 6.0 mL pink-top EDTA tube will enhance the overall quality of HBV and HCV viral load testing while improving the uniformity of required tubes for Molecular Diagnostics testing. Specimen storage and transport conditions for HBV and HCV viral load testing will remain the same.

Please call the Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory at 804-828-9564, Monday-Friday from 8 am to 5 pm for any questions concerning this issue.

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