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Test Update: Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia Antibody Specimen Requirement and Order Code Changes

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

Effective August 22nd, the testing methodology for the presence of Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia Antibodies (anti-PF4 antibodies) will be changing from a manual ELISA-based assay to an automated platform. This move to an automated platform will improve the turnaround time for this test.

The test will also be resultated out as “positive” or “negative” and the previous category of “indeterminate” or “borderline” will no longer be used.

Please note the test code and specimen requirement changes below.

Interfaced clients: please deactivate the old code and build the new test code. For questions please contact support@reglab.org or call 402-559-6420.

	NEW TEST	OLD TEST
Test Name	Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia Antibody Testing (HIT)	Heparin Induced Antibody Detection
Test Order Code	HIT	PLTHAT
Test Result Code and Name	HITAB Heparin Induc Plt Ab	
CPT Code	86022	86022
Specimen Requirement	One Blue top Citrate spun down within 4 hours for platelet poor plasma and aliquoted into 2 tubes and frozen at -20 degree. Stable for two weeks.	One 6 mL clot (Red) or 6 mL SST (Gold) tube

If you have any questions about these changes please contact client services at 402-559-6420 and ask to speak with one of the client coordinators.

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