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Test Update: Lupus Panel

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

Starting December 3, 2018 the Lupus Anticoagulant Panel (Test Code: LUP) will now include a measurement of heparin-mediated anti-Xa activity (Heparin Quantitative Assay, HEPQT) . The addition of this test to the battery allows for identifying patients on newer anticoagulants, which can interfere with testing and result in inappropriate interpretation of results. **The draw requirement will increase by 0.5 mL to account for the additional test.**

More information on specimen requirements and stability can be found by clicking the link below: <https://www.testmenu.com/nebraska/Tests/276831>. *(please note: this test item will be updated on 12/3/18).*

Interfaced Clients: Please make sure to update interfaces accordingly to add the extra HEPQT component. For questions on the interface build you may contact RPSInterfaceSupport@unmc.edu.

If you have questions or concerns about these changes, please contact Dr. Scott Koepsell (402-559- 7737, or via pager 888-0374).