

## LAB ALERT

**Date: September 20, 2019**

### **Test Update: Serum Rheumatoid Factor Reference Range and Specimen Type Changes**

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

Effective Monday 9/23/19, our laboratory is implementing new instrumentation for Serum RF (Test Code: RF). Due to this change reference range and specimen type will be changing.

The serum RF reference intervals in adults were validated and will be applied: <12.5 IU/mL (Old Reference Range <14IU/mL)

Reference ranges for pediatric population were not established.

#### **Specimen Requirements:**

One 6mL SST (Gold Tube) or 6mL Clot (Red tube). **Using this method, ONLY serum specimens are acceptable.**

**Plasma specimens will not be accepted.**

#### **Storage/Transport Temperature:**

Refrigerated: 3 days

Frozen: 4 weeks

Test Code will not be changing.

**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.**