ATTN: IMPORTANT TEST INFORMATION

TEST UPDATE 627

NOTICE DATE: November 9, 2017

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 3, 2017

REFERENCE RANGE CHANGE

Nicotine and Metabolites, Urine
Order Code: MMLR
Reference Laboratory: Mayo NICOU (82510)

Please note that effective October 3, 2017, the reference range value for Nicotine has been updated from <2.0 ng/mL to <5.0 ng/mL as a result of an increase in the lowest reportable value for this analyte. The reference values for the other three analytes has not changed.

Reference Range: Nicotine: <5 ng/mL; Cotinine: <5 ng/mL; Anabasine: <2 ng/mL; Nornicotine: <2 ng/mL.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 30, 2017

TEST RESUMED

Warfarin, Serum
Order Code: WRF
Fee Code: 20419
Reference Laboratory: Mayo WRF (8760)

Mayo Medical Laboratories Warfarin assay performance issues have been resolved and testing has resumed effective October 30, 2017.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 6, 2017

SCREENING TEST ADDED

Serotonin Release Assay
Order Code: BCSRA
Fee Code: 21614
Reference Laboratory: BloodCenter of Wisconsin 5508

Effective November 6, 2017, requests for the Serotonin Release Assay will be sent to the MLabs Coagulation Laboratory for confirmation of a positive screen for Heparin Antibody Assay (HITAB) at an additional charge prior to forwarding to BloodCenter of Wisconsin. If the Heparin Antibody Assay is negative the Serotonin Release Assay will be cancelled with a comment added to both test orders indicating the reason for cancellation.
The MLabs Coagulation Laboratory began offering an Apixaban Anti-Xa assay effective November 9, 2017. This test is a chromogenic substrate assay used for the determination of the activity of Apixaban (Eliquis) in plasma and for the monitoring of Apixaban therapy.

Collection Instructions: Collect specimen in a blue top 3.2% sodium citrate tube. Mix by inversion. Specimen should arrive at lab within 3 hours of collection; transport at room temperature. Alternatively, centrifuge, aliquot plasma into a plastic tube, and freeze the specimen within 4 hours of collection. Transport frozen specimen on dry ice. Collection of the blood through lines that have been previously flushed with heparin should be avoided. If the blood must be drawn through a VAD (vascular access device), the line should be flushed with 5 mL of saline and the first 5 mL of blood or six dead space volumes of the VAD discarded.