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SUBJECT: **Cortisol**

Due to the unavailability of cortisol reagents from the manufacturer, the following temporary changes to cortisol testing will occur: We anticipate these changes will be in effect for at least 6 weeks.

Effective Monday July 9, 2012,

Serum Cortisol

All adult samples for cortisol testing will be referred to Hospitals In-Common Laboratory. Please note the following change in reference intervals:

Temporary Reference Interval for serum Cortisol: **0800 h: 101 - 536 nmol/L**
1600 h: half the 0800 h level

Previous Reference Interval: 0800 h = 200 – 660 nmol/L
1600 h = 80 – 400 nmol/L
2400 h = <140 nmol/L

Urine Cortisol

Urine cortisol analysis will be delayed for at least 6 weeks. For any urgent urine cortisol requests, please contact the LRC Customer Service at 905-577-1477.

We apologize for any inconvenience associated with these temporary changes.

For further information about these changes, please contact:

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