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SUBJECT: **Cryoglobulin Changes**

Effective Monday, December 5th 2011, we will be adjusting the analytical and reporting protocols for Cryoglobulin test requests to reflect best practice recommendations.

What differences will you notice?

- The **Cryoglobulin test** will be resulted as either “Negative” or “Cryoglobulin Immunofixation to follow”.
- The Cryoglobulin Immunofixation test will be resulted as either “No cryoglobulin detected” or “Cryoglobulin detected”. The type and amount of immunoglobulin will be reported for all detected cryoglobulins.
- Reports will no longer provide individual IgA, IgG, and IgM quantitation at 4°C or 37°C.

Collection requirements and turnaround time will remain the same.

- Collect clotted tube and separate at 37°C. Gel separator tubes are NOT acceptable. Send 2 mL serum.
- The turnaround time for this test is 10 days.

If you have questions or concerns about these changes, please contact:

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