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MEMORANDUM

TO: REFERRING CLIENTS

FROM: Barb Baltzer, Coordinator
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DATE: April 20, 2011

RE: Resumption of Bile Acid Testing and Change to Reference Interval

Effective April 20, 2011 testing will resume for bile acids. Testing was halted after we detected a problem with the Bile Acid test kit. The kits were subsequently pulled from the international market. Over the past several weeks we have been working with the manufacturer to rectify this problem. After extensive testing, the issue has been resolved. In addition, the test kit is now improved as it has eliminated a slight positive bias. As a result, the reference interval for bile acids has been changed to reflect this improvement.

On behalf of our laboratory and the manufacturer, we apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused and appreciate your patience while we addressed this problem.

New reference interval for Bile Acids: < 6.7 umol/L

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