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TO:           **REFERRING CLIENTS**

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DATE:        February 29, 2012

SUBJECT:     **Test Information Updates**

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Please take note of the following updates to the LRC Test Information Guide:

Test Name	Changes/Updates
<b>Androstenedione</b>	<b>Reference Interval:</b> Female (age 14 and up): 2.5 – 10.5 nmol/L Female Post Menopause: 1.5 – 6.5 nmol/L Male (age 14 and up): 0.5 – 10.5 nmol/L  <i>Note, the age has been added to the gender.</i>
<b>Beta Hydroxybutyrate, Serum</b>	<b>Reference Interval:</b> 19 yrs and up: <= 0.42 mmol/L ( <i>previously &lt;0.42</i> )
<b>Cold Agglutinin Screen</b>	<b>Specimen Handling:</b> If Cold Agglutinin Screen is positive, the assessment (titre) will automatically be performed and billed.
<b>Disopyramide, Plasma</b>	<b>Specimen Handling:</b> Morning sample taken prior to the drug dose. If clotted blood is collected, allow blood to clot at room temperature and then centrifuge. Centrifuge for 15 minutes at 2000 rpm. <b>Sample Stability:</b> 4 – 8°C for 24 hours -20°C if analysis will be delayed more than 24 hours.  We have removed the statement “Metabolite also measured”.

If you have further questions, please contact our Customer Service at 905-577-1477.