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TO: **REFERRING CLIENTS**

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SUBJECT: **Test Information Updates**

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

Test Names	
Tests Temporarily Unavailable: Alpha Glycoprotein Subunit , Lorazepam – Serum and Myoglobin - Plasma The laboratories currently offering the above tests have discontinued analysis. There will be a temporary delay in service while we determine best options to ensure quality and value. Please hold from collecting or sending any specimens to LRC until further notice.	
Test Name	Changes / Updates
Cyanide	Cyanide: The following comment has been added to Specimen Handling "K2 EDTA trace elements tube is also acceptable.
Glucose, Urine	Glucose, Urine: Effective November 1, 2012, quantitative measurement of urine glucose will no longer be available through HRLMP/LRC. Semi-quantitative measurement will continue to be available as part of a Urinalysis order.
Orotic Acid, Urine	Orotic Acid, Urine: Store and send frozen. Acidified specimens (6 mol/L HCl) are acceptable but not required. Please provide age, gender and clinical history to facilitate interpretation of analytical findings and recommendation of further testing or consultation.

Test Name	Changes / Updates
Selenium, Plasma	Selenium, Plasma: Pre-Term Infant: 0.44 - 1.19 µmol/L Less than 1 y: 0.72 - 1.21 µmol/L 1 - 5 y: 1.22 - 1.82 µmol/L 6 - 9 y: 1.28 - 2.04 µmol/L 10 y and over: 1.32 - 2.34 µmol/L
Trifluoperazine, Serum and Gastric	Trifluoperazine, Serum and Gastric: Analysis is no longer available. Trifluoperazine can be detected in urine broad spectrum drug screen.

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

The on-line LRC Laboratory Test Information Guide is available at: www.lrc.hrlmp.ca