HAMILTON REGIONAL LABORATORY MEDICINE PROGRAM

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 14, 2012

TO: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nursing Staff, and Clinical Educators**,**
Hamilton Health Sciences and St. Joseph's Healthcare

FROM: Dr. Tony Chetty, Discipline Director for Clinical Chemistry and Immunology

RE: **TROPONIN I ANALYSIS AT HRLMP LABORATORIES**

Concurrent with changing the core clinical chemistry analytical platforms within the Hamilton Hospitals on November 28, 2012, we will also be changing troponin assays. At this time we will be switching from the 4th generation Troponin T assay (Roche Diagnostics) to the Abbott Diagnostics Architect Stat Troponin I assay. The cutoff for the Abbott Architect STAT Troponin I assay per the Third Universal Definition of Myocardial Infarction is a troponin concentration greater than the 99th percentile upper reference limit from a healthy population (i.e., >0.03 ug/L). Therefore, concentrations 0.04 ug/L and higher will be flagged as "H" (reference interval: <0.01-0.03 ug/L or <0.04 ug/L) with the following comment appended to each result:

<0.04 ug/L No evidence of myocardial injury
>= 0.04 ug/L Evidence of myocardial injury

To evaluate patients with suspected Acute Coronary Syndrome, blood samples for the measurement of troponin I should be drawn on first assessment and repeated 3–6 hours later. Later samples are required if further ischaemic episodes occur, or when the timing of the initial symptoms is unclear.

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