NOTICE OF CHANGE OF SERVICE

DATE: October 12, 2007

TO: Housestaff and PCN Physicians, Faculty, and Nursing Personnel

FROM: Kim Janatpour, MD
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RE: Unusual hemoglobin variants

After implementation of our new method for detection of hemoglobin variants, we rarely perform confirmation testing (isoelectric focusing) for unusual hemoglobin variants. Therefore, effective immediately, all samples with unusual hemoglobin variants will no longer be confirmed at the University of California, Davis Specialty Testing Center. Samples containing hemoglobin variants other than hemoglobins S, C, or E, will now be sent to the laboratory at the University of California, San Francisco for further identification.

Please note that referral of this specialized test will constitute a part of the University of California Pathology Outreach Consortium (UCPOC), an arrangement whereby esoteric or infrequently performed tests will be referred within the University of California rather than to an outside reference laboratory. As a part of this arrangement, UC Davis will be receiving tests referred by other laboratories. At this time, the UCPOC functions only between UCSF and UCD. It is anticipated that the UCPOC, a project initiated by UC Davis Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, will result in considerable cost savings, system-wide. Further information regarding the test menu currently being exchanged between UCD and UCSF may be obtained, upon request, from Mr. Darrell O’Sullivan or Dr. Ralph Green.

If you have any questions or need further information regarding unusual hemoglobin variant testing, please call the Immunology Laboratory supervisor, Skip Aitkens at (916) 734-3041 or Bob Gosselin at (916) 734-0285.

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