NOTICE OF CHANGE OF SERVICE

DATE: August 26, 2010

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

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RE: Rheumatoid Factor Test Performed Using New Methodology

Effective August 28, 2010 the Clinical Laboratory will begin reporting Rheumatoid Factor results on a different automated analyzer. This analyzer, the Beckman Coulter Synchron UniCel DxC800, uses a turbidimetric method. Comparison studies have been performed with the previous platform. A new reference interval is required.

- **Current Reference Interval:** < 25 IU/mL
- **Revised Reference Interval as of 8/28/10:** < 20 IU/mL

Due to the change of methodology, there are differences in the RF results and new patient baselines need to be established.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the Chemistry laboratory supervisor at phone # 734-367, pager # 762-0018.

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