The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine will be updating the current Malaria test to include blood parasites. The name will change from “Malaria Smear” to “Malaria and Blood Parasites”. Testing will screen for *Plasmodium* spp., *Babesia* spp., *Ehrlichia* spp., *Borrelia* spp., trypanosomes, and microfilaria.

Specimen collection requirements, billing, and turnaround times will not change.

Per our current protocol, all first time positive smears will be sent to the Public Health Department for speciation and confirmation, and the Infection Control Department will be notified.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact the Hematology Lab at 734-2490, or Laboratory Client Services at 916-734-7373.