NOTICE OF CHANGE OF SERVICE

DATE: April 21, 2009

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

FROM: Lydia P. Howell, MD, John Bishop, MD

RE: Hepatitis C Qualitative Testing

Effective April 1, Hepatitis C RNA qualitative testing will be performed by the Roche COBAS AmpliPrep/COBAS TaqMan HCV test. This replaces the VERSANT HCV qualitative assay. The limit of detection for this assay is 18.0 IU/mL.

Sample Requirement: One full whole blood 4 mL EDTA (purple top) tube or
One full PPT tube

Lab sample Processing: Centrifuge, aliquot plasma and freeze within 6 hours of Collection. Do NOT freeze primary collection tube (EDTA or PPT tube)
1.1 mL frozen plasma minimum.

Reference Interval: Reactive: (≥18.0 IU/mL)
Nonreactive: (<18.0 IU/mL)

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Sandra Hatcher at (916) 734-1673 or the molecular staff at (916) 734-1670.

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