NOTICE OF CHANGE OF SERVICE

DATE:    July 27, 2009

TO:      Housestaff Physicians, Faculty, and Nursing Personnel  
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RE:      Notification of Sedimentation Rate (ESR) Method Change

Effective August 3, 2009 the laboratory will begin using a new method for ESR's.

The change of the ESR method will allow positive patient identification on the analyzer and also offers primary draw tubes that do not require additional preparation and technical time to process. The specimen and time requirements will not change. The reference values will not change. This ensures better care to our patient population.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Hematology Laboratory at (916) 734-2490.

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