NOTICE OF CHANGE OF SERVICE

DATE: September 9, 2009

TO: Housestaff and PCN Physicians, Faculty, and Nursing Personnel
Primary Care Network, Physicians, and Nurses

FROM: Denis Dwyre, Director, Clinical Hematology
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RE: Change in Heparin Therapeutic Range

The new lot of aPTT reagent available for use is slightly more sensitive to heparin than the current lot in use and therefore the aPTT results (in seconds) are prolonged slightly more than the previous lot. Because of this change in sensitivity we are changing the Heparin Therapeutic Range.

Heparin Therapeutic Range from: 42-75 seconds

to: 45-80 seconds.

The anticipated date of this change is Monday, September 21, 2009 at approximately 8:00am. Post change of lot, results will have a comment appended to them for a period of one month warning of this change.

If you have any questions or need further information, please call the Hematology laboratory at (916) 734-2490.

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