NOTICE OF CHANGE OF SERVICE

DATE: October 30, 2009

TO: House Staff Physicians, Faculty, Primary Care Network Physicians, Nursing Personnel, and Nurses

FROM: Denis Dwyre, M. D.
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RE: VonWillebrands antigen

Effective immediately, the VonWillebrands antigen (VWF:Ag) will be performed using an automated immunoassay in the special coagulation laboratory. The test is currently performed using an ELISA method.

Although there are VWF:Ag differences noted between type O and non-type O blood groups, it is the recommendation by the National Heart, Blood, and Lung Institute to not have separate reference ranges based on ABO type (Hemophilia, 2008;14:171-232). As such, the normal reference range will be 42-176% for all patients.

Sample Requirement: One full 3.2% sodium citrate (blue top tube)
Lab sample processing: Centrifuge to obtain platelet-poor plasma, and freeze.
Reference interval: 42-176%
Testing day: Wednesdays

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this change, please contact Bob Gosselin at (916) 734-0285 or pager (800) 477-5605.

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