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Des Moines Laboratory Update

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CA 19-9 Normal Range Study

Effective January 19, 2023, MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory will be performing CA19-9 testing using an improved quality control system recommended by the manufacturer, Siemens. The enhancement is intended to deliver more consistent, robust and predictable assay quality through improvements to accuracy, system alignment amongst Siemens platforms, and reduction in lot-to-lot variability.

Upon testing these changes, MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory is noticing an average percent difference of up to 48% for patient results when compared to results reported using the current quality control system. A normal range (reference range) study is underway using the new quality control system and will be published with CA19-9 values performed on the new quality control system going forward.

Patient Service Center Scheduling Now Available

To ensure a positive and efficient patient experience, please encourage patients to schedule a time for all types of specimen collections (i.e. blood draw, COVID collection, etc). Scheduling laboratory collections enables time to ensure orders are received and have been clarified (if necessary), and prevents long wait times for our patients arriving for services. Please make sure that all future orders are faxed to the correct Patient Service Center location. More information regarding scheduling collections at our Patient Service Centers can be found in the attached brochure.

Thank you for choosing MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory.