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Des Moines Laboratory Update

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Discontinuation of Expanded Thrombophilia Testing for Inpatients

Due to recent staffing constraints, MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory will no longer offer our expanded thrombophilia testing panel on inpatients effective **Tuesday, April 11th**. Additionally, any Factor V Leiden or PT20210 Gene Mutation testing ordered for inpatients will be canceled and noted as 'Not Indicated for Inpatients'.

To obtain the most useful information related to thrombophilia evaluation (hypercoagulable testing), this testing should only be performed in medically-stable outpatients who are not receiving oral vitamin K inhibitor (eg, warfarin, Coumadin), heparin, low-molecular-weight heparin, hirudin (Refludan), argatroban, fibrinolytic agents (eg, streptokinase, tissue plasminogen activator), Factor Xa inhibitors (rivaroxaban, apixaban), or platelet GPIIbIIIa (alpha IIb beta3) inhibitors (abxicimab [ReoPro], tirofiban, aggrastat). In addition, testing should be performed at least 4-6 weeks after an acute thrombotic event.

For exceptional circumstances, please contact the laboratory directly at 515-247-4439.

COVID-19 Positive Patient Collections

In recent weeks, there has been an increase in COVID-19 positive patients being sent to the Patient Service Centers for collection. Moving forward, please refrain from referring known COVID-positive patients to these collection sites until 5 days after testing positive.

For reference, a sign containing CDC recommendations will be placed at the entrance of each Patient Service Center location. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation as we seek to provide the highest quality of care to our patients.

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