Clinical Laboratory Communication

Notification Date: March 9, 2019

Effective Date: April 9, 2019

Troponin 5th Generation: Beginning April 9th, the current Troponin 4th Generation test will be replaced with Troponin 5th Generation test.

Nursing Top 5 to Know:

- 1. Critical Value Change: Troponin 5th Generation Critical Value is ≥ 53 ng/L
 - a. First Troponin 5th Generation of greater than or equal to 53 ng/L will be called.
 - b. Any additional Troponin 5^{th} Generation results ≥ 53 ng/L during the same admission will NOT be called. These will be flagged in Epic with the Panic Flag Panic
 - c. Reference Range: Male $\leq 15 \text{ ng/L}$ Female $\leq 10 \text{ ng/L}$
- **2. Epic Result Viewing:** Results for Troponin 5th Generation will be displayed in Epic as normal (no flags), abnormal (greater than normal range) High or critical Panic



Preferred Lithium Heparin Gel Lithium Heparin No Gel

Collection Matters!

3. Collection:



Samples that have visible hemolysis may be rejected. The lab will call the ordering location and request a new specimen. If the ordering location does not want to collect a new specimen, test will be resulted with the comment – Grossly Hemolyzed. Result unreliable. Repeat testing advised on a non hemolyzed specimen.

Be careful when drawing from IV starts or lines as these collections can cause hemolysis.

- **4. Epic Ordering:** Order sets and facility lists will automatically be updated on April 9 at 10:00AM. Nursing will need to update Personal Preference List with the new test Troponin T 5th Gen or LAB7037
 - ① Your Frequently Ordered List will NOT automatically update & you will need to type Troponin T 5th multiple times to replace Troponin T on your frequently ordered list.
- **5. Dual Testing on April 9 and 10:** From 10:00AM on April 9 to midnight on April 10 patients will have both Troponin 4th and 5th testing reported for clinical correlation and continuity of care.

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