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To: All Regional Medical Laboratory (RML) Clients
From: Amy Garrison, MBA, MT(ASCP), Manager Client Services & Referred Testing
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Subject: Specimen Requirement Change for Vitamin B6

Effective immediately, the specimen requirement for **Vitamin B6**, has changed (test code: 3603660).

Collect the specimen after an overnight fast. Collect in a **light protected** sodium or lithium **heparin plasma separator tube**. Serum (plain red) is also acceptable. Please separate plasma or serum from cells and **freeze in a light protected plastic aliquot tube ASAP**. Specimens are to be labeled with patient's full first and last name and a second unique identifier.

Separate specimens must be submitted when multiple tests are ordered.
Protect from light during collection, storage, and shipment.
Covering with foil is adequate to light protect.

Unacceptable Specimens: EDTA plasma, non-frozen specimens, not light protected, improperly labeled specimens.

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact the Client Services department at 918-744-2500.