



MEMO

TO: All Regional Medical Laboratory Clients

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SUBJECT: Change in Specimen Stability for Chemistry Testing

Beginning immediately, Regional Medical Laboratory will update the specimen stability of some of our analytes. We are making this change to provide the highest quality laboratory results possible to our clients. This change is based on manufacturer guidelines and internal specimen stability studies. The following analytes will change:

Basic Metabolic Panel (Chem 8)
Comprehensive Metabolic Panel (Chem 14)
Alkaline Phosphatase (Alk Phos)
Alanine Transaminase (ALT)
Glucose, serum or plasma

Stability:

Ambient (room temperature) 20-25C or 68-77F acceptable for 24 hours from draw time
Refrigerated 2-8C or 36-46F acceptable for 72 hours from draw time

We will no longer be able to add-on the above testing to specimens greater than the stability period. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Gerald Miller, Brenda Ghavami, Sonja Matthews, or Lorinda Wear, at 918-744-2500.