

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Regional Medical Laboratory Clients

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**DATE:** April 21, 2015

**SUBJECT:** **Chromogranin A**  
Change in methodology, reference range and availability of crossover studies

Effective May 26, 2015, there will be a change in methodology and reporting of the Chromogranin A assay. Due to these changes, re-baseline testing will be offered at no charge from May 26, 2015 to July 24, 2015. The new method will provide a broader reference range and faster turn-around-time.

### **RE-BASELINE Ordering Information:**

For re-baseline studies, please order the following test only: **CHROMGR RB (3803559)**  
There will be no need to order separate tests. Both results will be reported through your normal charting methods.

The specimen requirement for re-baseline studies is as follows:

Two (2) - 1mL serum specimens. Separate serum from cells and refrigerate as soon as possible.

A report can be generated to list all your patients' re-baseline results by contacting RML Client Services at 918-744-2500 or your Sales Representative.

**After July 27, 2015**, please order the following test:

New Order Mnemonic: **CHROMOG A (3803557)**.  
New methodology: Quantitative Enzyme Immunoassay  
Reference Range: 0-95 ng/mL  
Specimen Required: 1mL (0.5mL min) serum from either an SST or Red no-gel tube.  
Separate serum from cells and refrigerate as soon as possible.  
Specimen Stability: Room temp=48 hours; Refrigerated=2 weeks; Frozen=6 weeks  
CPT code: 86316

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either William Fitter, MD, Chief of Clinical Chemistry and Toxicology; Nikki Garner, Manager Processing/Specimen Resolution/Reference Lab; or Shellie Lamb, MLT(ASCP), Reference Lab Specialist at 918-744-2500.