

MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Medical Laboratory Clients
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DATE: June 11, 2015
SUBJECT: **PTH Related Protein, Glucagon & Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide Collection and Processing Change**

Effective July 27, 2015, there will be a change in the collection and processing of PTH Related Protein, Glucagon & Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide. **Whole blood specimens must be collected using a winged collection set into a SCAT-875B-3/5-ARUP (aka: ARUP PPACK) tube. The tube must be kept refrigerated prior to use. This tube must be spun and pipette plasma into a plastic pour-off tube within one (1) hour of collection, then frozen immediately. Please submit separate specimens for multiple tests.**

Test numbers & names will remain the same. The specimen stability and LOINC codes are as follows:

- **PTH Related Protein** (PTH R PROT – 5559700): Room temp/Refrigerated=Unacceptable; Frozen=3 months. LOINC= 15087-0
- **Glucagon** (GLUCAGON – 2007000): Room temp=Unacceptable; Refrigerated=72 hours; Frozen = 3 months. LOINC = 2338-2
- **Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide** (VAS PEPTI – 3703800): Room temp=Unacceptable; Refrigerated=72 hours; Frozen = 3 months. LOINC = 3125-2

Specimens that are not collected in the special tube and processed appropriately or past stability will be rejected. To request tubes, you will need to enter “SCAT-875B-3/5-ARUP” or “ARUP PPACK” under the miscellaneous section of the online ordering tool or write on the fax supply request form and fax the supply order form to Materials Management at 918-744-3006 or 888-833-0528. Please indicate quantity needed (see picture of noted tube below).

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either Nikki Garner at 918-744-3131 x14676 or Shellie Lamb at 918-744-2041.

