



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Regional Medical Laboratory Clients

**FROM:** Brittany Vaughn, MLS(ASCP)SM, Director of Clinical Operations





**DATE:** September 28, 2017

**SUBJECT:** RML Vacutainer Conversion

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Regional Medical Laboratory (RML) is pleased to announce the addition of Total Laboratory Automation (“TLA”) to our reference laboratory. TLA brings innovative solutions to automate specimen handling and drive standardized workflow within the laboratory. To make maximum use of TLA and ensure consistent processing, RML will be discontinuing the use of certain BD Vacutainer tubes that are not compatible with the TLA system.

Effective immediately, RML will be transitioning orders placed through our Materials Management Department to the appropriate alternative tube type. See the table below for further details. Clients are permitted to continue using existing supplies until their on-hand supply is depleted. As orders are placed, RML will send out new tubes.

| Discontinued Item   | Approved Alternative   |
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| <p>8.5 mL Serum Separator Tube, Red/Grey Cap with Gel</p> <p>Manufacturer Item # 367988</p>  | <p>5 mL Serum Separator Tube, Gold with Gel</p> <p>Manufacturer Item # 367986</p>  |
| <p>10 mL Serum Tube, Red Cap No Gel</p> <p>Manufacturer Item # 367820</p>                    | <p>6 mL Serum Tube, Red Cap No Gel</p> <p>Manufacturer Item # 367815</p>           |

Please contact your RML account representative or Brittany Vaughn, MLS(ASCP)SM, Director of Clinical Operations at 918-744-2553 or 800-722-8077 with questions.