



MEMORANDUM

To: All Regional Medical Laboratory, Inc. (RML) Clients
 From: Regional Medical Laboratory, Inc.
 Caitlin Schein, MD, Clinical Director, RML Central Laboratory Chemistry and LCMS Departments
 Date: September 20, 2018
 Subject: **Discontinuation of SERUM LEAD Testing**

Effective October 1, 2018, Regional Medical Laboratory (RML) will discontinue sending out SERUM LEAD testing. This test will no longer be available to order.

*******Discontinuing*******

Test Name	Mnemonic	Test Number
Lead, Serum or Plasma	LEAD SERUM	3603775

We will continue to offer testing on WHOLE BLOOD which is the preferred specimen for testing in the pediatric population and for routine and workplace screening of lead exposure.

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Test Name	Mnemonic	Test Number
Lead, Blood (Whole Blood)	LEAD	3601650

Specimen Collection Requirements available

Stability Ambient 5 days, Refrigerated 14 days

Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	3 mL (0.5 mL)	Whole Blood	EDTA (Royal Blue Top/Trace Element Free)	Ambient / Refrigerated
Alternate 1	3 mL (0.5 mL)	Whole Blood	EDTA (Lavender Top)	Ambient / Refrigerated
Alternate 2	0.5mL (0.2mL)	Whole Blood	EDTA (Lavender) Microtainer/Bullet	Ambient / Refrigerated
Alternate 3	3 mL (0.5 mL)	Whole Blood	EDTA K2 (Tan-Top tube)	Ambient / Refrigerated
Alternate 4	3 mL (0.5 mL)	Whole Blood	Sodium Heparin Lead-free (Tan-Top tube)	Ambient / Refrigerated

For questions, concerns or additional information, please contact Dr. Caitlin Schein at 918-744-2553 ext. 14499 or Sonja Matthews at 918-744-3131 ext. 15550.