



MEMO

To: Regional Medical Laboratory (RML) Clients

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Subject: Change in Specimen Stability for CBC, Retic, and IPF

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

<u>Test Name</u>	<u>Order Name</u>	<u>Stability at Room Temp.</u> (18-26°C)	<u>Stability Refrigerated</u> (2-8°C)
HemePath Consult	HemePath Consult	24hrs	48 hours*
HemePath Consult Analyzer	ANEMIA AN	24hrs	48 hours*
Complete Blood Count (CBC) without Differential	CBC NO DIF	24hrs	48 hours*
Complete Blood Count (CBC) with Automated Differential	CBC	24hrs	48 hours*
Complete Blood Count (CBC) with Manual Differential	CBC M DIFF	24hrs	48 hours*
Reticulocyte (Retic) Count	RETIC	24hrs	48 hours*
Immature Platelet Fraction (IPF)	IPF LEVEL	24hrs	48 hours*

*Slides must be made within 24 hours of specimens received in the lab. After 24 hours, a manual differential will not be performed.

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

Our website (www.RMLonline.com) provides additional details at the following link - <http://www.rmlonline.com/site/sections/190>. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either Dr. Cindi Starkey, Medical Director of RML, or Sonya Bruening, Manager of Hematology, at 918-744-2553.