

# CLINICAL ALERT

## FDP (Fibrin Degradation Products)

We are in the process of going live with a new FDP kit, but until then any requests for FDP testing will need to be sent to CHW through Royal Oak's Send-Out Dept.

### Phlebotomy Team:

- Collect a **Separate full Light Blue 3.2% Na Citrate Tube** and send to the lab for further immediate processing.

### Specimen Processing Team:

- Change the order to a Lab Miscellaneous test code, **XMISC (LAB6433)** with the free text **“FDP”** for the order question.
- **DO NOT THAW FROZEN ALIQUOTS** received from other sites.

### Preparing Platelet Poor Plasma Specimen:

- **Centrifuge** the capped sodium citrate tube specimen tube.
- **Pipette plasma** in aliquot transport tubes for testing. - When removing plasma leave a minimum ¼ inch of plasma sitting on cells. The cellular layer contains the platelets which were separated from the plasma during centrifugation. Leave this cellular layer undisturbed.
- **Separate plasma into 1 – 2 aliquots, minimum of 0.5 mL each.**
- **Freeze** aliquots in plastic transport tubes **immediately.**
- Batch the frozen aliquot to RYO.