



# SERVICE UPDATE

## UNITYPOINT HEALTH-METHODIST LABORATORY

### Green tops switching to Lithium Heparin

#### Effective October 25<sup>th</sup>

Green top tubes will be switched to a Lithium Heparin preservative. Sodium Heparin preservative tubes will no longer be accepted for traditional green top testing and patient samples must **BE REJECTED** if received in the laboratory.

The only testing which would still require the sodium heparin tubes will be flow cytometry and chromosome analysis, and Lithium levels. We will be storing sodium heparin tubes in our laboratory storeroom for when neonatology request chromosome analysis. Please be aware that lithium heparin is not acceptable for this particular type of testing.

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be replacing all green top tubes on the floors and throughout the hospital with our new lithium heparin tubes.

**Please see Dr. Racsa or Stephanie Burton with questions or concerns.**

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