

SERVICE UPDATE

CAMPUS AFFECTED: Methodist	
AFFECTS PATIENT CARE	
TEST NAME: Vitamin D, 25-Hydroxy	DATE OF CHANGE: Effective Immediately
SPECIMEN TYPE:	Serum, Only
OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION:	Must be drawn in gold or red top tube

***** Effective Immediately, Vitamin D, 25-Hydroxy can only be drawn in gold or red top tubes (serum only) *****

Green and purple top tubes are no longer acceptable for testing.

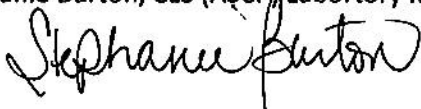
According to Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, who supply the Total Vitamin D reagent, the test result differences observed between serum and plasma samples has the potential to impact interpretation of Vitamin D status. A plasma sample could read lower than a serum sample for Vitamin D. When this issue occurs, the potential exists to initiate unnecessary vitamin D supplementation and/or additional monitoring of Vitamin D levels with negligible risk to health. Previous samples drawn in green tops would not lead to missed vitamin D deficiency or toxicity. Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics is not recommending a review of previously generated results.

For further information refer to UnityPoint Methodist Laboratory User Manual

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