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To: Blood Bank Staff

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RE: Immucor Anti-D Reagent Change From Bio Rad Anti-D

Hi All,

Effective April 3, 2017, Unity Point Methodist Blood Bank Laboratory will routinely perform Rh testing using Immucor Anti-D reagent instead of Bio Rad Anti-D reagent.

There are no updates to policies or procedures associated with this change in reagent. Immucor Anti-D has demonstrated stronger Rh reactivity in comparison studies which included a variety of patients exhibiting weakened D expression.

If there is a discrepancy between historical records and Rh testing using the Immucor Anti-D reagent: (ex. Rh positive instead of Rh negative)

- Perform the weak D (if applicable/not already performed) and procure a second specimen for retyping.
- Document results and notify the Blood Bank Lead for follow-up.

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