

# SERVICE UPDATE

**CAMPUS AFFECTED:** Methodist and Proctor

## AFFECTS PATIENT CARE

TEST NAME: Lactic Acid, Plasma

DATE OF CHANGE: 04/24/17

SPECIMEN TYPE: One 5 mL gray (sodium fluoride/potassium oxalate) top tube

ORDERING CODES: EPIC: LAB95

SQ: LA

Lactic Acid samples may now be collected and sent to the lab at room temperature. The sample must still be received in the lab **within 15 minutes of collection** for specimen processing. Any delay may result in falsely elevated lactic acid levels and lead to inappropriate treatment.

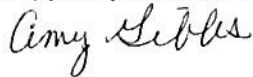
JIC gray top tubes may not be used for add on Lactic Acid testing.

For further information refer to UnityPoint Methodist Laboratory User Manual

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