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Please update all Providers and Staff

TEST NAME: Lactic Acid

DATE OF CHANGE: 10/15/2018

REPLACING: gray top tube

SPECIMEN TYPE: Green top tube (Lithium heparin)- whole blood

ORDERING CODES: EPIC: LAB95

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OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION: Green top tube will be the only acceptable container type for Lactic Acid

In order to standardize sepsis protocols throughout the UnityPoint system and decrease turnaround times for lactic acid, testing for lactic acid will now be performed on a new instrument that requires a green top tube.

Stability of the sample is 20 minutes at room temperature, 45 minutes on ice (as soon as the sample is drawn).

Lactic acid tests will need their own separate green top tube for testing. If you are ordering any other tests that use a green top tube, it must be a separate tube than what is used for lactic acid.

For further Information Refer to UnityPoint Methodist Laboratory User Manual

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