**Cord Blood Testing in GEL**

When we initially implemented Gel testing, interference with Wharton’s Jelly in cord blood specimens caused discrepant results. At the time the decision was made to continue performing tube testing on cord blood specimens.

L&D’s transition from collecting cord blood specimens in red top tubes to lavender top (EDTA) tubes has caused us to reevaluate our cord blood testing policy.

Our goal has always been to simplify and streamline our policies. Having as many tests as possible using the Gel technology is consistent with that goal. Therefore we will be switching to cord blood Gel testing starting on Monday July 20, 2015.