

Shady Grove Medical Center

Date: August 17, 2015

LABORATORY ALERT

Subject: Sweat Chloride Discontinued

The Laboratory is informing you of the following test change:

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| Effective date: | September 1, 2015 |
| Test Name: | Sweat Chloride Testing |
| Change: | This test will no longer be offered by the Laboratory at Shady Grove Medical Center |
| Rational: | <p>The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation provides funding for and specifically accredits cystic fibrosis care centers and affiliate programs nationwide specifically to ensure proper training and competency. The Foundation accreditation provides a high quality of specialized care.</p> <p>The sweat test has been the “gold standard” for diagnosing cystic fibrosis (CF) for more than 50 years. Today there are other tests based upon genetic markers that are available for evaluation of CF.</p> <p>The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation recommends that the sweat test be performed at a <i>Cystic Fibrosis Foundation-accredited care center</i> (http://www.cff.org/aboutcf/testing/sweattest/).</p> <p>Since the Laboratory is not an accredited test center for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and our test volumes continue to decline, the Laboratory will cease Sweat Chloride testing as of September 1, 2015.</p> |

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