

*Laboratories at Adventist Healthcare Washington Adventist Hospital, Shady Grove Medical Center and Germantown Emergency Center*

**Date: November 13, 2018**

**LABORATORY ALERT**

*Subject: Changes to CSF cell count & diff ordering*

*The Laboratory is informing you of the following change: **Effective 11/13/18***

<p>Change in order code for CSF cell count and diff</p>	<p><b><i>CSF cell count &amp; diff testing is now performed on the Sysmex instead of the IRIS. Because of this new orderables have been created.</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Order code CCTD is no longer orderable. It has been replaced with CTUBE1</li> <li>• Order code CCNDE (WAH CSF Cell count &amp; diff ED only) is no longer orderable. It has been replaced with CTUBE1.</li> <li>• CRB1 &amp; CRB3 are no longer orderable.</li> <li>• To accommodate the # of tubes received &amp; physician requests, additional CSF cell count &amp; diff orderables by tube # have been created.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTUBE3 – includes diff</li> <li>• CTUBE2 and CTUBE4 - To be used if physician requests cell counts &amp; diff on tube 2 and/or 4.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>***** NOTE: CTUBE1, CTUBE2, CTUBE3 and CTUBE4 must <b><u>ALWAYS</u></b> be ordered under separate accession numbers.</p>	
	<p><b>Special Collection Procedures</b></p>	<p>Specimens are collected in sterile tubes labeled in the order in which they are withdrawn (1, 2, 3, 4).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tube 1(CTUBE1) is used for color, appearance, cell count and Chemistry tests</li> <li>• Tube 2 is used for Serology tests</li> <li>• Tube 3(CTUBE3) is used for color, appearance, cell count and diff</li> <li>• Tube 4 is used for Microbiology</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> If there is a Cytology order, process core lab testing per 3 tube protocol and use tube 4 for Cytology.</p>
	<p><b>Special Collection Procedures continued</b></p>	<p>If 3 tubes are received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tube 1(CTUBE1) is used for color, appearance, cell count and Chemistry tests</li> <li>• Tube 2 is used for Serology tests, color, appearance, cell count and diff</li> <li>• Tube 3 is used for Microbiology</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> If there is a Cytology order, after Microbiology has taken their sample from tube 3, send remainder of tube 3 for Cytology.</p>
		<p>If less than 3 tubes are received, contact the physician for specific tests to be performed.</p>
	<p><b>Other</b></p>	<p>Hematology is responsible for resulting color and appearance.</p>
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