



Laboratories at Adventist Healthcare White Oak Medical Center, Shady Grove Medical Center and Germantown Emergency Center

Date: May 26, 2021

## **LABORATORY ALERT**

**Subject: HLK for Potassium Change in DI**

The Laboratory is informing you of the following test change:

<b>Effective date:</b>	May 26, 2021
<b>English Text Code:</b>	HLK, K
<b>Process:</b>	<p>The DI rule for HLK has changed as of May 26, 2021.</p> <p>The following is now true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. When the Potassium results as HLK, the HLK will hold and "CBACK-;" will appear in the test comment column. When this occurs:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Technical staff will call the unit to inform them that the potassium cannot be reported due to hemolysis.</li><li>• Technical staff will also inform the person taking the call that It is up to the physician to determine if the potassium needs to be reordered.</li><li>• Document the call in DI.</li></ul></li><li>2. DI will no longer hold all the tests on an HLK sample. The remaining results, if normal, will now auto release.</li></ol>
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