



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:

Effective date:	June 1, 2021
English Text Code:	HLK, K
Process:	<p>The DI rule for HLK on Potassium is changing June 1, 2021</p> <p>The new process is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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">• Technical staff will call the unit to inform them that the potassium cannot be reported due to hemolysis.• 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.• Document the call in DI.2. DI will no longer hold all the tests on an HLK sample. The remaining results, if normal, will auto release.
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