

 <p><b>STOP Notification</b></p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Calling Lactic Acid Critical Value Procedure Change</h2>							
<p><b>When:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, August 25, 2020</b></p>							
<p><b>What?</b></p>	<p><b>If there is LIS documentation of a previously critical Lactic Acid called during the current hospital stay, then it is not necessary to call subsequent critical results. Exception: If the critical result returns to normal then becomes critical again, it must be called.</b></p>							
<p><b>Who is Affected:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Affected Location(s)</b></p> <p>Alamance Cancer Center                  High Point Cancer Center                  Wesley Long Cancer Center  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alamance Regional  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annie Penn Hospital                  MedCenter @ High Point  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MedCenter @ Mebane  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moses Cone Hospital  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wesley Long Hospital  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Green Valley Campus</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Department(s)</b></p> <p>Blood Bank                  Cytology                  Flow Cytometry                  Histology                  Microbiology                  Phlebotomy                  Point Of Care  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rapid Response Lab                  Respiratory Therapy                  Specimen Processing</p>						
<p><b>Why?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>This change will help significantly decrease the call volume to providers</b></p>							
<p><b>What you will need to do to prepare:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Please read updated Critical Values/Tests and Alert Values Policy</b></p>							
<p><b>Manager / Supervisor Responsibility:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Send Post Live Documentation to IT Manager within 5 days of the effective date for test systems marked with an "X"</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Sunquest</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">WindowPath</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">CHL</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Instrument / Manual Test</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">PowerPath</td> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;"></td> </tr> </table>		Sunquest	WindowPath	CHL	Instrument / Manual Test	PowerPath	
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<p><b>Need Help?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact your Manager / Supervisor</p>							



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Date: August 18, 2020

Subject: **Laboratory critical value process change for Lactic Acids.**

In order to decrease the call volume to providers, Lactic acid critical value policies are being modified:

- Initial critical lactic acid results will continue to be called BUT subsequent critical results will NOT be called.
- The exception is when the patient's critical result is followed by a normal result but becomes critical again, in which case the subsequent critical results will be called.

**\*\*These changes will go into effect on August 25, 2020. \*\***

Should you have any questions about this change please contact the laboratory at your site.