

Weekly Updates

May 16, 2014

| Test | Description of Changes | Affected Individuals |
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| <p>3 hour GTT form change</p> | <p>The test worksheet has changed and the updated form has replaced all previous versions.</p> <p>This is the changed text (which was previously communicated to lab staff): IF Abnormal → ESCORT THE PATIENT and a copy of their results to the Triage RN. If the triage RN is unavailable, the Team Lead RN can do the patient education. Michelle Kimber can be used, if others are not available.</p> <p>See Denelle or Sherry if you have questions</p> | <p>All Staff</p> |
| <p>1 hour GTT form change</p> | <p>The test worksheet has changed and this updated form has replaced all previous versions.</p> <p>Regarding patients who return the next day for fasting glu & A1C – this is new: Once Testing is completed → ESCORT THE PATIENT and a copy of their results to the Triage RN. If the triage RN is unavailable, the Team Lead RN can do the patient education. Michelle Kimber can be used, if others are not available.</p> <p>This is the changed text: <i>Patient Follow Up Documentation (be sure to complete):</i> <i>None needed</i> _____ <i>Instructed to return fasting for 3hr GTT within week</i> _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>3hr GTT ordered in EPIC.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Form copied & placed in Dia's Folder.</i> <p><i>Instructed to return fasting for glucose and A1C next day or ASAP</i> _____</p> | <p>Bench Techs</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ <i>Fasting Glucose and A1C ordered in EPIC.</i> □ <i>Form copied & placed in Dia's Folder.</i> <p>See Denelle or Sherry if you have questions.</p> | |
| A1C change for code 106 | <p>See the snippet copied from the procedure below: A result displayed as information code "106" indicates a concentration above the upper limit (15.0%). Result should be reported as >15.0% HbA1c.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results with error code "106" may not always need to be repeated. Check the patient's history in EPIC and/or their result history in Cerner. If they are diabetic or have had a previous high A1C result, then it is NOT necessary to repeat the test. | Bench Techs |
| Open dates | Please remember to always write on bottles the open date and the out date. The laminated sheets are a tool to help. | All Staff |
| iFOB | In order to try and track particular providers/MA's who are not giving appropriate directions to the patients, please write 'overfilled' or 'envelope' by the patient name on the log sheet. If the sample is fine, you don't need to write anything. | All Staff |
| Future expected dates | Please be mindful of the 'expected date' in EPIC prior to releasing orders. If you mistakenly release an order, please re-order it in EPIC. See Sue Johnson if you have questions. | All Staff |
| No Orders Trial | See the attached for a new protocol for when a specimen has no orders. | All Staff |

Procedure Additions, Updates and Changes:

[No Orders Protocol Trial](#)