Lab update

 Effective date: 2/24/2016

Parathyroid Hormone Intact + Calcium (PTH) Methodology Changes

Mid America Clinical Laboratories will switch to a new methodology for PTH (8837)

On 2/24/2016

The change in the test methodology has initiated changes in specimen collection, specimen storage and transport temperature along with the reference ranges:

The reference ranges have been adjusted according to the methodology associated with the new analyzer and will be reflected on the test report.

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| Current specimen requirements | New specimen requirements |
| Preferred specimen type: Serum | Preferred specimen type: Serum |
| Alternate specimen type: none | Alternate specimen type: none |
| Transport Temperature: Frozen | Storage/Transport Temperature: Frozen |

Due to the change in method, sample stability at temperatures other than -20C are greatly decreased and can negatively affect patient results. By requiring all specimens to be frozen at the time of draw ensures the integrity of the sample and accuracy of results when the testing is performed.

***Any specimen that is not frozen upon receipt will be rejected.***

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