

**LAB ALERT – DISCONTINUATION OF TEST****NOTIFICATION DATE: 10/17/2013****EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/17/2013****ERYTHROPOIETIN (TEST CODE: EPO; INTERFACE CODE: 1000300)**

**IN VIEW OF THE RECALL OF THE REAGENTS FOR THE CURRENT METHOD BY THE VENDOR, WE ARE DISCONTINUING THE ABOVE TEST.**

**WE ARE NOW OFFERING AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE CURRENT TEST. ERYTHROPOIETIN (TEST CODE: EPOT; INTERFACE CODE: 1004380) IS NOW AVAILABLE.**

**THE DETAILS FOR THE NEW, REPLACEMENT TEST ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>TEST CODE:</b>	EPOT
<b>INTERFACE CODE:</b>	1004380
<b>METHODOLOGY:</b>	Chemiluminescent Immunoassay
<b>CLINICAL UTILITY:</b>	Erythropoietin measurement aids in diagnosis of anemias and polycythemias. In the patients being administered recombinant erythropoietin, this assay may be used to predict and monitor response to recombinant erythropoietin treatment of anemias.
<b>PERFORMED:</b>	Sunday - Saturday
<b>COLLECTION:</b>	Serum Separator tube or Lithium Heparin Plasma Separator tube preferred. Red top tubes and serum aliquots are acceptable.  NOTE: In view of diurnal variation shown in erythropoietin levels, it is recommended that samples be collected at a consistent time of day. Morning samples between 7:30 am and 12:00 noon are recommended.
<b>SPECIMEN PREPARATION:</b>	Centrifuge the Serum or Plasma Separator tube and transport; if a plain red top tube, centrifuge, aliquot serum into a standard transport tube and transport.
<b>STABILITY (FROM COLLECTION TO INITIATION OF TESTING):</b>	Refrigerated: 7 days Frozen: 1 week (Do not thaw more than 3 times).

**TRANSPORT:** Refrigerated

**REFERENCE RANGE:** 2.59 – 18.50 mIU/mL

**RESULTS REPORTED:** Within 1 day

**CPT CODE(S):** 82668

**PERFORMING LAB:** ClearPoint

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