

# Test Methodology Change



## CA 125 Test Methodology Change 9/8/2011

Effective 9/8/2011, St. Luke's Laboratory will upgrade the in house CA 125 testing. St. Luke's Laboratory is committed to a Lean, automated system, providing state of the art instrumentation and test methodologies. With this methodology change, we recommend two specimens be drawn to help aid in clinical evaluation, an initial specimen to establish a baseline on this methodology and specimen one to two months for follow-up.

Advantages to the Test Methodology Change include:

- Expanded Reportable Range: The new test methodology will produce more consistent results across a wider reportable range.
- Turn Around Time: Our patients will be better served by shorter TAT for CA 125 testing.

### **New CA 125 Reference Range:**

**0.0 – 30.2 U/mL**

### **Old CA 125 Reference Range:**

**0.0 - 20.9 U/mL**

If you have questions, please contact Kristin Baer, M.D. 218-249-5751, Chemistry Medical Director or Amber LaMourea, MT (ASCP) 218-249-5024, Immunology Technical Specialist.

**St. Luke's Laboratory Services has developed a Web page which contains New Test Announcements.**

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