

Specimen Type Update



Lactic Acid Specimen Type Change

Effective May 22, 2018, St. Luke's Laboratory is performing Lactate testing on a new instrument. The switch will provide a more efficient turnaround time, but requires an alternative specimen type. The Mediatech barcoded specimen label will reflect the changes.

New Specimen Requirements: Heparinized Whole Blood
Preferred: Dark Green Whole Blood tube without gel, on ice

Acceptable: Lithium Heparin Light Green with gel, must be full, on ice;
Heparinized Blood Gas Syringe, on ice

Specimens are required to be placed on ice immediately and arrive in the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.

Note: We will still accept Grey Sodium Fluoride Whole Blood tubes on ice, but expect a delayed turnaround time.

If you have questions, please contact Megan Johnson, MLS(ASCP) 218-249-5207, Chemistry and Urology Technical Specialist or Sabrina Fuchs, MBA, MLS(ASCP)^{cm} 218-249-5339, Laboratory Operations Manager.

See St. Luke's Laboratory Services Web page containing New Test Announcements:

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