



Clinical Practice Change Alert

Revision to Regional Reference Laboratories for 24-Hour INR Testing Process

Date Effective: Immediately

Summary of Information:

- DSM has been providing 24- hour TAT for INR tests for routine monitoring patients on long term warfarin and other non-urgent use at many sites across Manitoba (See link below for DSM Clinical Practice Change dated April 20, 2016). Alternatively, patients can choose to visit a regional reference laboratory that can accommodate same day test results. The list of potential regional reference laboratories has been modified since it was initially issued in April 2016.

Change and Patient Impact:

- There is no change in procedure for 24-hour TAT for INR tests for routine monitoring or noted exceptions where expedited results will be available.
- See Patient Information Sheet for list of sites that will continue to accommodate same day INR test results for routine monitoring: (http://dsmanitoba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/HEM_INR_PatientInfo2.pdf).

More information:

- Clinical Practice Change: Change to INR Testing Process (April 20, 2016) - <http://dsmanitoba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/CPC-HEM-2016-0420.pdf>

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