LAB ALERT

Date: July 15, 2014

To: Regional Pathology Services Clientele

From: Regional Pathology Client Services

RE: Changes in Parvovirus Testing Methodology and Limit of Detection

Effective June 30th, the Molecular diagnostics laboratory changed the methodology of the Parvovirus test from an in-house PCR/Gel method to a real-time DNA amplification method using Focus Diagnostics reagents with the 3M™ Integrated Cycler.

The limit of detection for the new test is 250 IU/mL, compared to 500 IU/mL for the previous test. This test is a qualitative test and results will still be reported in a qualitative manner.

Reference range: Parvovirus DNA not detected

Ordering codes, specimen requirements and turnaround times will remain the same for all tests. Interfaces are not affected by this change.

Please call Regional Pathology Services with any questions or concerns regarding this lab alert at 402.559.6420 or Toll free at 1-800-334-0459.