

LAB ALERT

Date: April 9, 2015

RE: Change in acceptable specimen type for Troponin I (cTnI)

Test Code: TROP

CPT: 84484

Effective Wednesday, April 15, 2015, the laboratory service at Nebraska Medicine will **no longer accept serum samples for cardiac Troponin I testing (cTnI)**. This change is being made to mitigate the possibility of false positives due to inadequately clotted serum specimens. **Plasma (green top - lithium heparin)** is considered the **ONLY** acceptable type of specimen for this test and other specimen types will be rejected after April 15, 2015.

If you have questions or concerns about this change please contact Dr. Sam Pirruccello (phone: 559-7707 or 763-3157, pager: 888-1640, e-mail: spirrucc@unmc.edu) or Dr. Alina Sofronescu (phone 559-8335, pager 888-6729, email: alina.sofronescu@unmc.edu)

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