



Memorandum Core #171

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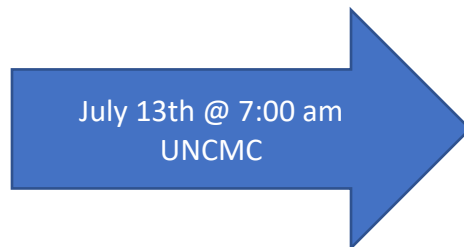
Subject: Change from Serum to Lithium Heparin collection tubes for default chemistry testing at UNC Medical Center

On Tuesday July 13th, 2021 starting at 7:00 am, the UNCCM Core Laboratory will go live with new chemistry instrumentation.

For non-laboratory staff, the most notable change will be that the default specimen type will switch from serum to plasma for the majority of routine chemistry testing. **Please look carefully at the label printed by EPIC for the correct green top lithium heparin tube!**

Current: Gold Top Serum Separator (SST)

New: Green Top Lithium Heparin



Lawson # 340183 – 3 mL tube (stocked by tray)
Lawson # 348965 – 4.5 mL tube (stocked by tray)

You will need to have these items added to your PARS since the old tube types will still be used for certain testing. Please use the [PAR Location Request Form](#) to process any changes or add items to a PAR location.

For questions related to these changes, please contact
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