

MEMORANDUM #80

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SUBJECT: Change in Core Laboratory PT and aPTT Assays Reference Ranges.

Date:

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Over the next 2 weeks, the Core Laboratory will implement the following Reference Range changes for PT and aPTT Assays.

	Current Range	New Range
PT	10.1 – 12.6	10.2 - 12.8
APTT	27.0 – 37.1	27.7 – 37.9

Heparin Sensitivity:

Study revealed no clinically significant change between reagent lots.

Please contact Dr. Whinna at 966-4226 for questions concerning the laboratory tests.