



**Memorandum - Core #209**

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**Subject: Vitamin B12 Switch to Serum Only**

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Effective **5/1/2024** serum (GOLD, ORANGE, and RED) tubes will be the only acceptable specimen type for Vitamin B12 testing. Plasma (GREEN and MINT GREEN) tubes will no longer be accepted. This change is in response to sporadic observations of dilution issues with some plasma specimens. EPIC collection information and instructions will be automatically updated.

For questions, please contact.

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