

ANNOUNCEMENT

*****IMPORTANT LAB UPDATE*****

To: HealthEast Medical Laboratory Providers

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Subject: Updates to the HealthEast Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Testing

HealthEast Laboratories is pleased to announce we will start using the Abbott re-standardized Architect Hepatitis B Surface Antibody test on Thursday September 6, 2018. The assay has been re-standardized to the WHO 2nd International Reference Preparation, 2008 (Code07/164) instead of the WHO 1st International Reference Preparation, 1977 (Code W1042).

HML tests that include the Hepatitis B Surface Antibody component are Anti-HBs (LAB472), Hep B Vaccine Check (LAB2280) and Hep B Chronic Evaluation Panel (LAB1336).

There were no cutoff value changes between the 1st and 2nd WHO standardizations. Abbott Diagnostics and the HealthEast method validations demonstrated good correlation between the 1st and 2nd WHO for negative and positive patient populations. Patients previously reported as “Inconclusive for vaccine check, suggest repeat” or “Equivocal; suggest repeat” may retest as Positive with the 2nd WHO standardized test.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to provide you with high-quality, reliable, laboratory test results. Input from the clinical providers we serve is a valuable resource as HealthEast Medical Laboratory strives to continually improve our services.

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