





Memorandum Immunology #4

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Subject: In-house IL-6 Testing

Effective 09/28/2020, UNC McLendon Clinical Laboratories (MCL) Immunology Laboratory will begin IL-6 testing. During the verification process to in-house IL-6 testing, there was an observed positive bias in IL-6 measurements compared to the current testing laboratory. It is our recommendation that IL-6 levels be reestablished using the in-house assay to ensure accurate trending of IL-6 levels.

There are no anticipated changes to the test ordering. Testing may be ordered Monday – Friday using the test name Interleukin 6 (LAB332). Specimen must be received in the laboratory by 1430 on Friday.

Results will be available in EPIC under Laboratory Results>Others>Interleukin 6.

For questions or more information regarding this change, please contact MCL Immunology Laboratory at (984) 974-1815 or Dr. Schmitz at (984) 974-1452.