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Subject: Change in Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia Testing

After consultation with UNC Hospitals' Pharmacy and the Benign Hematology Division of UNC School of Medicine's Department of Medicine, UNC Hospital's McLendon Clinical Laboratories is changing the testing algorithm for Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia. The current "HEPARIN INDUCED THROMOCYTOPENIA PANEL [LAB5323]" will be replaced by "Heparin PF4 Antibody with reflex SRA [LAB5324]".

McLendon Clinical Laboratories will no longer perform "HIT PLATELET AGGREGATION" testing and it, along with the current "Heparin PF4 Antibody" and "Serotonin Release Assay, Unfractionated Heparin" stand alone orders will be removed from Facility and Provider Preference Lists.

Going forward, specimens with elevated Heparin PF4 Antibody values will automatically be reflexed to the gold standard Serotonin Release Assay performed at Mayo Medical Laboratories.

For questions related to these changes, you can contact any of the above via Epic In Basket or email me at: Herbert.Whinna@unchealth.unc.edu