



Clinical Practice Change Alert

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CLINICAL PRACTICE CHANGE

COLLECTION for ESR SAMPLES

Effective: February 13, 2017

Change in Sample Acceptance:

In order to ensure quality results and meet with Specimen Acceptance Policy, 10-50-03, the Hematology Laboratory will now require all requisitions to have the collection date and time completed. This item is essential to determine sample acceptability for all tests.

If the date or time of sample collection cannot be confirmed (ie. one phone call, as per 2.3.2 of the Specimen Acceptance Policy), then the sample may not meet analytical requirement results and may be inaccurate (as per 2.3.3.8). Therefore, if the age of the specimen is in question, the specimen will not be processed.

Specimen Acceptance Policy, 10-50-03, is available for your review by clicking on the following link:

<https://clients.intelx.com/DsManitobav5/dcDocumentRetrieveExt.asp?sAuth=49d180ecf56132819571bf39d9b7b342522a2ac6d23c1418d3338251bfe469c8&fromDcpPublic=1&DocumentID=67>

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