



# Clinical Practice Change Alert

## Revision to Regional Reference Laboratories for 24-Hour INR Testing Process

**Date Effective:       Immediately**

### Summary of Information:

- DSM has been providing 24- hour TAT for INR tests for routine monitoring patients on long term warfarin and other non-urgent use at many sites across Manitoba (See link below for DSM Clinical Practice Change dated April 20, 2016). Alternatively, patients can choose to visit a regional reference laboratory that can accommodate same day test results. The list of potential regional reference laboratories has been modified since it was initially issued in April 2016.

### Change and Patient Impact:

- There is no change in procedure for 24-hour TAT for INR tests for routine monitoring or noted exceptions where expedited results will be available.
- See Patient Information Sheet for list of sites that will continue to accommodate same day INR test results for routine monitoring: ([http://dsmanitoba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/HEM\\_INR\\_PatientInfo2.pdf](http://dsmanitoba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/HEM_INR_PatientInfo2.pdf)).

### More information:

- Clinical Practice Change: Change to INR Testing Process (April 20, 2016) - <http://dsmanitoba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/CPC-HEM-2016-0420.pdf>

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