

HEPARIN INDUCED THROMBOCYTOPENIA (HIT) TESTING

CHANGE IN SPECIMEN REQUIREMENT

Date Effective: Immediately

Date Issued: July 4, 2018

Change in or New Test Procedure:

The McMaster Platelet Immunology Laboratory has made changes in their HIT testing protocol and sample requirements. Therefore, additional collection of blood/tubes will be needed, should the result of our local test be positive or indeterminate.

ALL the following tubes **must** be obtained for comprehensive testing:

- **Serum: 1 red top 10 mL tube (at least 2/3 full)**
- **Plasma: 3 light blue 1.8 mL Sodium Citrate tubes**

These requirements will be re-assessed once the new local HIT testing method is implemented.

Shared Health testing site: SBH Hematology Laboratory

Please use requisition below.

[H.I.T. \(Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia\) Screening Requisition F140-140-26A](#)

More information:

See the complete details of the Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia (HIT) in the LAB Information Manual (LIM) below:

[HIT](#)

All Shared Health Clinical Practice Changes can be found at:

[Clinical Practice Changes](#)

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