

SAINT FRANCIS HEALTH SYSTEM LABORATORY UPDATE

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SUBJECT: Cortisol

Effective Tuesday, April 15, 2008, the Saint Francis Hospital Laboratory will begin using a Chemiluminescent assay for the quantitation of plasma cortisol. The new reference ranges are as follows:

	<u>Old Reference Range</u>	<u>New Reference Range</u>
Adult a.m.	6.0-28.0 µg/dL	3.7-19.4 µg/dL
Adult p.m.	3.0-16.0 µg/dL	2.9-17.3 µg/dL

Questions regarding this change in reference range should be directed to Dr. Michel S. Medawar or Jay Hupp at 494-1300.