

SAINT FRANCIS HEALTH SYSTEM LABORATORY UPDATE

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TO: Medical Staff

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SUBJECT: Insulin Testing

Effective Tuesday September 30, 2008, the Core Laboratory at Saint Francis will begin performing Insulin testing in-house. This new assay uses chemiluminescent technology and requires a blood sample collected in a gold top tube. Due to the unstable nature of this analyte, serum samples submitted for insulin analysis should be separated from the cells as soon as possible and transported on ice. Insulin assays will be performed daily. The reference range for insulin is 3.0-19.0 μ U/mL.

Any questions regarding this new procedure should be directed to Dr. Michel S. Medawar or Jay Hupp at 494-1300.