

SAINT FRANCIS HEALTH SYSTEM LABORATORY UPDATE

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TO: Medical Staff

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SUBJECT: Heparin-Induced Platelet Antibodies (PF4)

Effective June 10, 2009, SFHS Immunology Laboratory will perform Heparin-Induced Platelet Antibodies testing for PF4 by ELISA. Antibodies to Platelet Factor 4 (PF4)/heparin complexes are associated with Type II Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia (HIT).

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