

Date: May 24, 2016
To: Drumheller Physicians
From: AHS Laboratory Services
Re: RESUMPTION OF THROMBIN TIME TESTING (TT) in Drumheller

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Key Messages:

THROMBIN TIME testing has resumed and is available in the Drumheller Health Centre Laboratory on the new ACL coagulation analyzer.

The indication for this test is for patients who present with clinical and/or radiologic evidence of an ischemic cerebral vascular accident (CVA) and are prescribed the direct thrombin inhibitor, dabigatran.

A result of less than 30 seconds implies that if dabigatran is present, it's concentration is less than 20 ng/mL.

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