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To: North Zone (former Aspen Region)
Physicians, Nursing Departments, Pharmacy Services, Laboratory Directors and Managers

From: AHS Laboratory Services

Re: Change in PTT Heparin Therapeutic Range Level

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Key Messages:

- Due to a change in Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (PTT) reagent, the PTT heparin therapeutic range will be changed effective ***Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 0700 hours.***
- The new PTT heparin therapeutic range for monitoring patients on unfractionated heparin will be 55 – 95 seconds.

Why this is important:

- The change in unfractionated heparin therapeutic range will affect heparin dosing and will require changes to the heparin nomograms.

Action Required:

- This change has been communicated to the Pharmacy Department and changes to the unfractionated heparin nomograms will be made and communicated to clinicians to be implemented on December 4, 2012.

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