

**Date:** February 27, 2013

**To:** South Zone – West  
Physicians, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Laboratory Staff

**From:** AHS Laboratory Services, AHS Medicine & Acute Care – South Zone West

**Re:** PTT Heparin Therapeutic Range

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**Key Messages:**

- Effective **March 4, 2013 at 1000 hours** a new lot number of PTT reagent will be in use and there will be a new PTT Heparin Therapeutic Range in effect for all hospitals in the South Zone West.
- **The new PTT Therapeutic Range will be 53-82 seconds.**
- All changes have been made to the policy and procedure as well as the electronic protocol in Order Entry.
- These changes only affect the sliding scale ranges and have no impact on the initial bolus and infusion rates.

**Action Required:**

<b>Nursing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The only patient implication of the change will be during the transition period. If you have patients on the protocol infusion as of 1000 hrs March 4, 2013 you will need to print out a new protocol so that you have the revised scales for any subsequent adjustments.</li></ul>
<b>Laboratory</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lab Information System (LIS) result canned text and dictionary changes will be made to coincide with 1000 hours on March 4, 2013.</li></ul>

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