

Date: September 15th, 2010
To: All Physicians, Nursing and Laboratories – former DTHR
From: Dr. J. Wesenberg
Re: Cardiac Marker Meditech Test Code Changes

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Effective **September 22, 2010 between 1000 and 1200**, cardiac marker test codes will be changed from CK, CKMBM and TROPI to CK2, CKMBM1 and TROPI3 to allow cardiac marker tests to print with routine chemistry decreasing the number of tubes collected, as well as the number of labels printed and aliquots requiring pour-off. A separate label will print for TROPI3 to allow iStat users to collect two tubes – one for processing Troponin on site and one to send to Red Deer for CK and/or CKMB Mass.

Between 1000 and 1200, test codes CK, CKMBM and TROPI will not be accessible to Laboratory or Nursing in Meditech. Nursing will place orders for cardiac markers on manual requisitions. Future cardiac marker orders will be sent to Lab on separate requisitions for input into Meditech when new test codes are available.

Cardiac marker orders received in the Laboratory prior to 1000 are to be analyzed ASAP. LIS will monitor progress of testing and will proceed with changes to test codes when all specimens have been analyzed and verified.

STAT, Urgent and Timed cardiac marker orders received between 1000 and 1200 will be processed as per downtime procedures. Routine cardiac markers should be held until notification from LIS that the new test codes are available.

Contact Kathy at 403 343-4472 or kathy.carter@albertahealthservices.ca or Marcia at 403 309-6179 or marcia.olesen@albertahealthservices.ca with any questions or concerns.

“This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by Dr. James Wesenberg”