

Memorandum

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To: Clinical Adult /Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Physicians and Nurses, Pediatric Nephrologists; Immunodeficiency Physicians, Rheumatologists, LIC, Mobile

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Re: *Discontinuation of Flow Cytometry Lymphocyte Subset and Rituxim Panels*

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Key Messages:

Effective April 30, 2015, the following Flow Cytometry tests will be discontinued - Lymphocyte Subset Panel and Rituxim Panel.

Importance/Impact:

The Rituxim panel enumerates CD19 and CD20 positive B lymphocytes in peripheral blood. Currently, follow-up of patients on Rituximab therapy (including non-oncologic applications) is done clinically; therefore, Flow Cytometry testing is not required.

The Lymphocyte Subset Panel, which measures the fractions of T, B and NK cells in peripheral blood, can be replaced with our Immunodeficiency Panel (IDEF).

Background / Action Required:

Requests for Immunodeficiency Panel (IDEF) testing will be limited to Pediatric Nephrologists, Hematology/Oncology and Immunodeficiency/Allergy physicians.

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