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Re: LB-07-11 CKMB Discontinued

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Key Messages:

- Effective immediately, CKMB analysis is no longer available in South Zone West

Background:

Up to now CKMB analysis was only available on a referred out basis – results are thus not available in a timely manner. This extended turn around time limits the efficacy of the test for acute coronary syndrome (ACS) workup - CKMB analysis has thus been discontinued.

Troponin is the preferred marker in a cardiac panel for workup of ACS.

Why this is important:

To ensure physicians are aware that Troponin is the preferred marker for workup of ACS.

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