

Date: July 6, 2010
To: Physicians/Nursing Managers Central Zone Former DTHR
From: Laboratory
Re: Unusual Phlebotomy Forms

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Key Messages:

- The Central Zone Maco Venipuncture Procedure (PROC 1100) has been updated to follow the current Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute guidelines for the Collection of Diagnostic Blood Specimens by Venipuncture.

Certain phlebotomies have a higher than usual level of risk to the patient or to the specimen integrity and require appropriate documentation. In some cases a signature is required from medical staff before the phlebotomy can be performed. This is a new requirement for our zone and the lab staff will ask a physician or nurse to complete the Unusual Phlebotomy Form in certain instances. Some examples are:

- Blood collected from Foot or Ankle
- Blood collections where medical staff identify the patient
- Blood collection requests above an IV line
- Blood collection requests from the same side as a mastectomy or renal fistula
- Blood collection requests that exceed the maximum allowable blood volume in pediatric patients

When these forms are used a comment will be entered into the lab information system and a comment will be attached to the lab results.

This new procedure will come into effect on July 6, 2010

Action Required:

- For patients that you know are difficult collections please indicate permission for a foot or ankle collection on the chart or requisition for out patients if appropriate.

For additional questions contact:

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