

**Date:** October 11, 2012

**To:** Edmonton Zone:  
Nursing Educators, Nursing Managers, Pharmacy Services,  
Edmonton Coordinating Council

**From:** AHS Laboratory Services and DataGroup of Companies

**Re:** Update on Labels Supporting the Change in PTT Heparin Therapeutic Range Level  
Affecting Patient Care Orders

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### Key Messages:

The change in PTT reagent and the PTT heparin therapeutic range took place as scheduled on 0001hours, on Wednesday, October 10, 2012. Although the new labels were produced, there were difficulties in the production process resulting in delays in distribution and an error in the date on the new label. If you received new labels prior to October 11, 2012, the PTT range information on the label is correct but the date on the left hand side of the new labels would be May 2011 rather than Oct 2012 as indicated in the examples below. Thank you to the Clinical Nurse Educators that informed us of this error. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience incurred in correcting this situation.

New labels with the correct date of Oct 2012 are currently in production and will be ready for shipment on October 15, 2012. You may continue to use the White and Fluorescent Chartreuse (bright yellow) labels with the incorrect dates on them in the interim, as the aPTT ranges (in seconds) are correctly printed. The old (prior to Oct. 10, 2012) Fluorescent Orange and Bright Pink labels should NOT be used.

### Action Required:

- On October 11, 2012, please place a new order with DataGroup for the required labels. There will be no charge for these replacement labels.

Specify the order number:

➤ U-13406A October 2012 (White)

Or

➤ U-03332A October 2012 (Fluorescent Chartreuse)

The labels will be shipped beginning October 15, 2012.

- Ensure that any patient care units using any of the Patient Care Orders listed below designate an individual in their program to **destroy any labels with a date of May 2011**. Please share this memo freely with individuals in your area.

### Inquiries and feedback about the label process should be directed to:

DataGroup at 780-577-8295 or by email at [ahsedmonton@datagroup.ca](mailto:ahsedmonton@datagroup.ca) or to  
Laboratory Client Services Coordinator - Cheryl Hetchler at 780-342-8250

Usual Sites	Patient Care Order Forms	Old Label Discard	New Label effective October 10, 0001h							
UAH (University) CCI (Cross Cancer) SGH (Sturgeon)	Standard Continuous IV Heparin Anticoagulation Protocol, Adult Venous Thromboembolism (form <b>#3830-13406</b> ).	U-13406A May 2011 Fluorescent Orange	<b>U-13406A October 2012 White</b>  <table border="1"> <tr> <td rowspan="5" style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">U-13406A October 2012</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PTT (results in seconds)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">less than 50</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">50 - 74</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">75 - 105</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">106 - 135</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Greater than 135</td> </tr> </table>	U-13406A October 2012	PTT (results in seconds)	less than 50	50 - 74	75 - 105	106 - 135	Greater than 135
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UAH (University) for Cardiac Patients  SGH (Sturgeon) for Cardiac Patients	Cardiology – Standard Continuous IV Heparin Anticoagulation Protocol (form <b>U-03332</b> )	U-03332A May 2011 Bright Pink  And  U-03332A May 2011 Fluorescent Chartreuse	<b>U-03332A October 2012 Fluorescent Chartreuse</b>  <table border="1"> <tr> <td rowspan="5" style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">U-03332A October 2012</td> <td style="text-align: center;">PTT (results in seconds) <b>CARDIOLOGY</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">less than 60</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">61 - 74</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">75 - 105</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">106 - 149</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Greater than 150</td> </tr> </table>	U-03332A October 2012	PTT (results in seconds) <b>CARDIOLOGY</b>	less than 60	61 - 74	75 - 105	106 - 149	Greater than 150
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MIS (Misericordia) GNH (Grey Nuns)	Not Applicable – Covenant sites have a separate set of forms that do not employ labels. These sites will undergo the same PTT reagent and heparin therapeutic range change on the same date but will update their Patient Care Orders through a separate process.									

Note: It is possible that over time forms have made their way across sites in the Edmonton zone. What is most critical is that the correct form is paired with the correct label.

**This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by:**

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