



Laboratory Technical Bulletin Update

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Title: Update in requirements for Therapeutic Phlebotomy Orders

Test: Therapeutic Phlebotomy

Explanation of change: Physician orders for therapeutic phlebotomy must have the patient's hemoglobin (HGB) cutoff requirement noted. Qualifying HGB test results must have been obtained within seven days of the procedure date. Phlebotomy will not be performed on patients with a hemoglobin of <10 g/dL without permission from the patient's physician.

	Old	New
<i>Perform Site</i>	Cayuga Medical Center	Cayuga Medical Center
<i>Procedure</i>	Therapeutic Phlebotomy	Therapeutic Phlebotomy
<i>Test Code</i>	THER	THER
<i>Monitored Test</i>	Hematocrit (HCT)	Hemoglobin (HGB)
<i>Specimen</i>	Lavender Tube or Finger Stick	Lavender Tube or Finger Stick
<i>Volume Required</i>	1 mL	1 mL
<i>Turnaround time</i>	15 Minutes	15 Minutes

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Dr. Daniel Sudilovsky, Laboratory Medical Director

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