

## **Laboratory Alert**

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Title: Specimen Requirement Update

Explanation: Procalcitonin specimens must be collected in a red top serum tube to be sent to Mayo

Clinical Laboratories.

	Old	New
Perform Site	Mayo Clinical Laboratories	Mayo Clinical Laboratories
Method	Homogeneous Time-Resolved Fluorescence	Homogeneous Time-Resolved Fluorescence
Test Code	PCT	PROCAL
Specimen	Serum (SST)	Serum Red Top
Volume Required	1 mL	1mL
Turnaround time	2-3 days	2-3 days

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