



**LABORATORY ALLIANCE** of Central New York, LLC

## Change in Methodology for the D-dimer Test

Effective April 8, 2015, Laboratory Alliance will be implementing a new method for performing D-dimer testing. The new method requires a different specimen type: **sodium citrate plasma collected in a light blue cap Vacutainer tube.**

Specimens received in EDTA (purple cap) tubes cannot be processed after April 7, 2015.

The new method will also include a change to the reference range, the unit of measure, and the sample stability:

- The reference range for the new test method is <0.50 mg/L.
- The sample stability for the new method is 4 hours at room or refrigerated temperature.
- A frozen platelet-poor-plasma specimen must be submitted if the sample is not received in the laboratory within 3 hours of collection.
- Instructions for the collection and processing of coagulation specimens which includes preparing platelet-poor-plasma can be found in the Directory of Services in the Specimen Collection Documents section (or use this link: <http://www.laboratoryalliance.com/healthcare-providers/services/specimen-collection-documents/collection-and-processing-of-coagulation-specimens/>).



Use this:

\*Adequately filled  
Sodium Citrate tube



Do not use this:

EDTA Tube

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