



LABORATORY ALLIANCE of Central New York, LLC

Discontinuation of In-House Testing for Free Digoxin

Effective February 6, 2012 Laboratory Alliance of Central New York will no longer perform in-house analysis of free digoxin levels in serum. This test continues to be available, however, through our reference laboratory (Mayo Medical Laboratories). Although Mayo Medical Laboratories performs free digoxin levels daily, samples are forwarded to them on Monday through Friday only. Samples received Friday evening through Monday morning will be shipped on Monday evening with results available on Tuesday. Although Laboratory Alliance has performed this test in-house for a number of years, requests are infrequent and this change is necessary due to the low volume of test requests that we receive.

The specimen required is 1.0 mL (0.5 mL minimum) serum. Collection in serum gel tubes is acceptable. As in standard therapeutic drug monitoring for digoxin, the specimen should be collected 6 to 8 hours after last dose of digoxin.

Questions regarding this test may be directed to Cheryl Haskins, MS, MT(ASCP)SC, Manager of Chemistry and Referral Testing, at 315-410-7014 or cherylhaskins@lacny.com.

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