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Re: Change in Critical Value for INR to >5.0

This change is a decrease in the Critical INR cutoff for CCA practices (from >6.0) and an increase for others (>4.0). This was done to (1) standardize across practices and (2) address concerns about too many calls for values between 4.0 and 5.0, as these rarely require an urgent medical response. This change was done in consultation with the Anticoagulation Management Center and coagulation experts.

Further details on critical values can be seen by reviewing the corporate policy:

Policy: http://uphsxnet.uphs.upenn.edu/hupadmpl/1_12_53.pdf

Addendum with values: <http://uphsxnet.uphs.upenn.edu/hupadmpl/criticalvaluestestcurrent2018.pdf>

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