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To: All Greater Peoria Service Area Carle Health Facilities
Carle Health Methodist Reference Lab Clients

From: Carle Health Methodist Hospital | Carle Health Methodist Outreach Laboratory

Lab Tube Standardization Across West Region – Action Required

INFORM/ACTION:

Effective **August 4, 2025**, Methodist will transition to using **Mint-Top PST Lithium Heparin Tubes (Workday# 1047452)** as the **primary chemistry tube**. This change supports standardization across the West Region and aligns with current practices at Proctor and Pekin.

As part of this transition:

- Lithium Heparin Dark Green Tubes (Workday# 1046612) will be discontinued.
- Outreach and Carle Clinics are encouraged to use existing stock of Gold Top SST tubes (Workday# 147455) but should convert to Mint-Top PST tubes as their primary chemistry tube when reordering.
- To ensure a smooth transition, Methodist Campus Central Supply will proactively replace all PAR items for the discontinued Lithium Heparin Dark Green Tubes (Workday# 1046612) with the new Mint-Top PST tubes.
- The [West Region Test Directory](#) will be updated to reflect these changes.
 - A list of in-house tests that require SST tubes will be available on the West Region Test Directory webpage. (<https://www.testmenu.com/carlehealthlab>)

BACKGROUND:

This initiative is part of a broader effort to streamline chemistry tube usage across Carle Health West Region facilities. The Mint-Top PST tube offers improved consistency and supports operational efficiency across departments and locations. While SST tubes will still be required for specific testing, their overall usage is expected to decline.

Please note: Sodium Heparin tubes (Workday# 1046637), which also have a dark green cap, will remain in use for a limited number of specific tests—such as certain Flow Cytometry and STAT lithium testing—and are not impacted by this change.

CLOSING:

We appreciate your support in implementing this transition. Additional communications will follow with the list of SST-required tests and updated directory links. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us:

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