**M Health Fairview Reference Laboratories (MRL)**

**Feedback sought on new Laboratory Test Directory**

MRL Laboratories is seeking feedback about the transition from its Lab Guide to its Laboratory Test Directory, which went live Aug. 22. Those familiar with these resources are encouraged to take a brief, six-question survey. To do so, click the “September 2023 Test Directory Survey” link atop the [Test Directory website](https://click.email.mhealthfairview.org/?qs=9bb552dccf3961ca950c6bf168c1fd41b48a135fd49a67dc6e63b5df15d6e2c09a7a0680b94fcde7106f9346b0dc9920b86cbd36f7069f94), due by October 2.

**Updates to sodium normal range, pediatric critical range take effect Sept. 26**

The sodium normal range will change from 136-145 mmol/L to 135-145 mmol/L at M Health Fairview Reference laboratories effective Tuesday, Sept. 26. After thorough review, this is felt to be a better representation of our patient population and current analyzer method.

Results reports will contain the following statement: “Reference intervals for this test were updated on 9/26/2023 to more accurately reflect our healthy population. There may be differences in the flagging of prior results with similar values performed with this method. Interpretation of those prior results can be made in the context of the updated reference intervals.”

Questions about the reference interval change can be directed to Dr. Anthony Killeen at kille001@umn.edu.

Also on Sept. 26, the low end critical range for sodium will change to <125 mmol/L for patients 0-15 years. Patients 16 years or greater will remain at <120 mmol/L. Results reports will contain the following statement: “Please note that M Health Fairview pediatric critical value thresholds for this method were updated on 9/26/2023.”

Questions about the critical range can be directed to Dr. Amy Karger at karge026@umn.edu.

**Who to Contact**

Refer to [Test Directory](https://www.testmenu.com/fairview) for additional test information and previous client communications.

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