

**UNITYPOINT HEALTH - MERITER LABORATORIES**  
**TEST ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Critical Value Change 2/9/26**

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Meriter Laboratories Point of Care will be updating critical values for cord blood gas testing on neonatal specimens to align with Unity Point Health standardization efforts.

Test	Previous Critical Value	New Critical Value
Cord Blood Gases (Arterial and Venous)	pH $\leq$ 7.00 Base Deficit $\geq$ 12 mEQ/L	pH $\leq$ 7.15 Base Deficit $\geq$ 10 mEQ/L

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If you have any questions, please call the UnityPoint Health - Meriter Laboratories Client Services Department at 608-417-6529 or 1-800-236-0465.