

Evanston Hospital

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To: **Professional Staff**

From: **Pathology and Laboratory Medicine**
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Subject: **Change in Specimen Type for Vancomycin Assay**

On July 11, 2017, NorthShore University HealthSystem will be changing to a new formulation for our Vancomycin Assay (LAB131, LAB132, LAB135).

With this change, the **preferred specimen type** for measuring Vancomycin levels will be the Mint Green Top Tube (Plasma Separator Tube). Red Top Tubes (Serum) are also acceptable. The Gold Top Tube (Serum Separator Tube) will **no longer be acceptable**.

Please direct any questions regarding this change to:

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