

# Special Advisory LAB-LINK

New and updated laboratory testing information

September 22, 2023

## **Chemistry and Immunoassay Tube Standardization**

### Dark Green Lithium Heparin Tubes

**Effective:** October 1, 2023

**Description of change:** 

Effective October 1, 2023, as part of our on-going standardization for chemistry and immunoassay testing, HNL Lab Medicine will no longer accept dark green lithium heparin tubes.

Due to sample integrity concerns with chemistry and immunoassay tubes that do not have separators, we will no longer accept these tubes after October 1st.

Serum tubes with separators (gold and red) as well as Plasma tubes with separators (mint green) are the appropriate collection tubes for specimen integrity. Please refer to the Lab Handbook for up to date acceptable tube information.



#### **Additional Information**

If you have additional questions regarding these tests, please contact Technical Support between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For general questions, Customer Care is available to assist at any time.

#### **Technical Support/Customer Care**

Call 877-402-4221