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Clinical Laboratory Test Update

EPIC Label Modification for Dark Green Venipuncture Tubes

Due to the visual similarity between dark green top tube types, EPIC label modifications will occur to differentiate the two types of dark green tubes. The varying characteristic between these tubes is the additive (*lithium* heparin or *sodium* heparin) which is noted on the manufacturer labeling shown below (red arrows). **Incorrect additives can cause inaccurate laboratory test results.** Please refer to the EPIC label and/or test catalog when determining the correct tube to draw.



| Tests requiring: | Epic Label modification: | Lawson number: |
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| Lithium Heparin | Lith Hep Dk Grn No Gel | 95462 |
| Sodium Heparin | Na Hep Dk Grn No Gel | 12013 |

If you have questions or concerns regarding specimen acceptability, please refer to the online test directory located in our lab website or through the following link: <https://www.testmenu.com/universityhospital>

Please contact the clinical laboratory at 720-848-4401 if you have any questions or visit our website at <https://www.uchealth.org/professionals/uch-clinical-laboratory/>