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Clinical Laboratory Test Update



Polypropylene Aliquot Tubes Required for Coagulation Testing

Effective immediately, the Clinical Laboratory is standardizing specimen handling procedures across all UCHealth-supported clinic sites by requiring the use of polypropylene (PP) aliquot tubes for Coagulation testing. This update will improve the quality and reliability of coagulation test results by ensuring optimal sample integrity. We request that clinics work with Supply Chain to transition to polypropylene tubes without delay.

Tests impacted – All Coagulation testing, including

- PT w/INR
- PTT
- D-Dimer
- Fibrinogen
- Factor Assays (Factor II Activity, etc.)
- Anti-Xa (Heparin testing)
- Lupus Panel
- Protein C and S Activities
- Activated Protein C Resistance w/reflex to Factor V Leiden
- Antithrombin III
- VonWillebrand testing

Examples of acceptable tubes:

Tube Name/ Type	Ordering Info	Picture
Cardinal Health polypropylene culture tubes with cap	Lawson #413491	
ARUP Standard Transport Tubes (polypropylene)	Only hospital laboratories with send outs to ARUP order these	

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