



## *Technical Memorandum*

**To:** Physicians, Clinical Staff, and Clients

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**Subject:** Temporary discontinuation of VerifyNow

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Beginning May 10, 2021 DLS will no longer be able to offer **VerifyNow PRU** testing, which measures the anti-platelet effect of P2Y12 receptor blockers (i.e. clopidogrel/Plavix, prasugrel/Effient, and ticlopidine/Ticlid) and the **VerifyNow Aspirin** test, which measures the anti-platelet effect of aspirin. This is due to a FDA recall of the required sample collection tubes for this method; therefore, resulting in a nationwide shortage. This affects all laboratory testing and laboratory facilities nationwide that are using this method. DLS is in active discussions with the manufacturer and other laboratories, to see what alternatives, if any, are available. Unfortunately we do not have an estimated time frame as to how long this testing will be down or when the necessary supplies will even be available.

In addition, due to the short sample stability requirements, and the impact of the shortage on our reference laboratory network on the mainland, sending this test out to a reference lab is also not an option.

Please make any appropriate adjustments to your management and testing of your patients in regards to these tests, as clinically indicated. We will continue to follow up with the manufacturer and will try to bring this testing back online in-house as soon as the appropriate resources are available.

If you have any questions please call Dr. Wesley Kim at 589-5131 or Dr. Ana Ortega-Lopez at 691-4470.