



Memorandum

To: Clients / DLS Staff
From: Dr. Wesley J. Kim
Date: September 13, 2010
Subject: Update on PFA testing

Beginning September 27, 2010 Diagnostic Lab Services will be adjusting its testing algorithm for the Platelet Function Assay (PFA-100). All orders for the PFA-100 will now have both the Col/EPI and Col/ADP cartridges run on the patient's sample. This is a change from the original reflex pattern of running the Col/ADP only if the initial Col/EPI cartridge result was abnormal. This is based on review of PFA-100 test performance algorithms and ordering patterns both locally and on the mainland. It is also based on review of the literature which shows that a small percentage on patients with type 1 von Willebrand disease and certain rare platelet aggregation disorders may have a normal Col/EPI result and abnormal Col/ADP result.

If you have any questions please call DLS client services at 589-5101 or Dr. Wesley J. Kim at 589-5131.