

Client Memo

To: Wake Forest Baptist Health Outreach Clients
Date: February 1, 2017
Re: New Tube for Ammonia Testing

On February 1, 2017, the Clinical Laboratory will begin using a new tube type for Ammonia levels. The test will still appear in CareEvolve as **Ammonia** (test code **LAB47**). The required tube type is the only thing that is changing..

- The new container code will be: LAV 3.0*ICE.
- The container description will be: Lavender Top-EDTA 3.0-ICE.
- The minimum volume will be: 25 mL.
- The new collection instructions will be: Place tube on ice after collection; deliver to the lab immediately; centrifuge within 30 minutes. If testing cannot be performed within 3 hours, separate and freeze plasma immediately.
- The new storage requirements will be: Frozen (up to 24 hours).

The Clinical Laboratory is switching to the new specimen container test for Ammonia levels. Although, a green top-lithium heparin tube (on ice) will still be an acceptable container, it will no longer be the preferred container. The test is being changed in an effort to synchronize the test among the Winston Campus Lab and the Lexington Lab.

If you have any questions related to this test change, please contact the Core Laboratory at 716-2610.