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To: Clients of Hagerstown Medical Laboratory, Inc.

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Director of Laboratories

Subject: Qualitative Serum Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (HCG) Change

Hagerstown Medical Laboratory, Inc., will no longer report Qualitative Serum HCG results after October 15, 2009. The Quantitative Serum HCG test will be substituted if a Qualitative Serum HCG test is ordered after that date. The Quantitative result provides more clinically relevant information and will prevent unnecessary repeat testing to obtain Quantitative data.

The Reference Values for the Quantitative Serum HCG are:

NON-PREGNANT:	BELOW 6 MIU/ML
0-1 WEEK GESTATION:	6- 50 MIU/ML
1-2 WEEKS GESTATION:	40- 300 MIU/ML
2-3 WEEKS GESTATION:	100-1,000 MIU/ML
3-4 WEEKS GESTATION:	500-6,000 MIU/ML
1-2 MONTHS GESTATION:	5,000-200,000 MIU/ML
2-3 MONTHS GESTATION:	10,000-100,000 MIU/ML
2ND TRIMESTER:	3,000-50,000 MIU/ML
3RD TRIMESTER:	1,000-50,000 MIU/ML

If you have any questions or need further information about this change, please contact me by calling 301-665-4900 or 1-800-428-2105.