



Aspirin Platelet Inhibition-Collection Tube Shortage

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To all clinicians ordering Aspirin and P2Y12 platelet inhibition testing through the UR Medicine Coagulation laboratory at Strong Memorial Hospital:

Outpatients: Effective immediately, all APIA/PPIA testing ordered in an outpatient setting will have to be collected at only two patient service centers due to a critical shortage of the collection tubes needed for testing that currently extends through the end of April. Those two service centers are the Outpatient Laboratory at Strong Memorial Hospital and the Patient Service Center at Brighton - Clinton Crossings, 2400 S. Clinton Ave., Building H, Suite 140, Rochester, NY. Any patient that goes to another UR Medicine patient service center will be redirected to one of these two locations.

Inpatients: The current ordering process will stay the same for now. However, in the event of a severe and/or extended shortage, all APIA/PPIA testing ordered in an inpatient setting will be automatically changed to a Platelet Mapping test due to a critical shortage of the collection tubes needed for APIA/PPIA testing. Please note that test availability may be limited by stat ED or OR samples that may take priority and the test interpretation associated with this testing.

We will notify clinicians as soon as these tubes become available.

If you have any questions please contact Mary Johnson, Chief Supervisor for Hematology & Chemistry Laboratories at Strong Memorial Hospital, at MaryG_Johnson@urmc.rochester.edu, or Dr. Refaai at any of the methods listed above.

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