

# LabView Quarterly

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## Parkview Genetics Center Laboratory

Effective December 31, 2013, the Parkview Genetics Center Laboratory will close. The cost of continuing this level of lab services in-house has become prohibitive. It has become increasingly very difficult to compete with the offerings of large university Genetics labs. Our Genetics Lab has always had a stellar reputation and we thank the leadership and co-workers who have performed at an excellent level.

Parkview Health Laboratories will cease to perform Chromosome Analysis, and Molecular Cytogenetic testing including Chromosome Microarray Analysis. Parkview will continue to meet your cytogenetic testing needs by referring your tests to the most appropriate laboratory. We are in the process of developing those referral options. Genetic counseling will also still be available locally through Dr. Bader and other Parkview genetic counselors.

## PTT, Activated Partial Thromboplastin

Effective August 14, 2013, APTT (PTT, Activated Partial Thromboplastin) samples from patients on unfractionated heparin must reach the lab to be centrifuged within 1 Hour of collection. Please send samples immediately after collection.

Effective August 14, 2013, PT (Protime, Prothrombin time) samples must be transported and stored at room temperature.

## Blood Culture Bottle Supply

Parkview Health Laboratories supply of blood culture bottles is dangerously low. Local and Nationwide Laboratories are experiencing the same blood culture bottle shortages. It is very important that blood cultures are ordered judiciously. We are working with the vendor to get supply in; however, we have been notified that the low supplies are to be expected for at least the next month. Please contact Alice Friedt 266-1501 or Dr. Craig McBride 266-1630 with concerns.

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