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Sweat Chloride Reference Ranges are Changing

As of March 10, 2011, Parkview health Laboratories will report revised reference ranges established by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for Sweat Chloride testing.

For children <6 months of age:

Normal: 0-29 mmol/L;

Borderline: 30-59 mmol/L;

Diagnostic: ≥ 60 mmol/L.

For children >6 months of age:

Normal: 0-39 mmol/L;

Borderline: 40-59 mmol/L;

Diagnostic: ≥ 60 mmol/L.

Please refer any questions to Dr. Yi Zhuang at 373-3658.

Change in testing formats calls for a change in Specimen Types

Infectious Mononucleosis Screen has changed to a waived test. Specimen requirements as of March 4, 2011. Preferred sample 0.3 mL whole blood in Lavendar Top tube (EDTA plastic vial) refrigerated for up to 24 hours.

Beginning 3-28-11, the specimen requirement for a **Quantitative Ethylene Glycol** will change. The new requirement is 4.0 mL whole blood collected in a gray-top tube (sodium fluoride potassium oxalate).

To better conform to World Health Organization standards, **TSH testing** will be consolidated to the laboratory's Siemens Centaur testing platform beginning 4-4-11. After this date, plasma will no longer be an acceptable specimen. Please collect a serum separator tube for all TSH tests. Questions can be directed to Dr. Wan, Medical Director, at 373-3660.

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