

Covenant HealthCare Laboratory Services

Important Update February 2009

Covenant HealthCare Laboratory Services has updated software on its Coagulation instrumentation, effective February 24,2009.

The therapeutic range for the Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (APTT) test has been effected by this mandatory software update. Please see the chart below.

Coagulation Ranges Effective 02/24/2009 (New ranges will apply to all orders placed after 10am)

Tests	Current Reference Ranges	Current Critical Values	New Reference Ranges	New Critical Values
Non-therapeutic APTT	22.0 – 40.0 sec.	>45.0 sec	22.0-40.0 sec.	>45.0 sec
Therapeutic APTT	60.0 – 110.0 sec.	>110.0 sec	80.0-122.0 sec.	>122.0 sec

Please share this information with the appropriate staff members. Refer questions regarding this change to Daniel Warner, Core Laboratory Coordinator, 583-6746 or Dr. Nicholas Hruby, Laboratory Medical Director, 583-6703.

In addition please refer to attachments for Heparin dosing changes from Covenant Pharmacy.