

## Lidocaine, Routine Testing – Change in Performing Laboratory

**Orderable:** Lidocaine [LAB685]

Effective Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, specimens with ROUTINE lidocaine test orders will be sent out to LabCorp due to reagent shortages from the manufacturer. The turnaround time for ROUTINE lidocaine testing from LabCorp is 3-4 days after receipt by the VCU Health Laboratory.

STAT Lidocaine testing will continue to be performed by the VCU Health Chemistry Laboratory with a turn-around time of 60 min from specimen receipt by the laboratory.

| Previous Performing Laboratory | Updated Performing Laboratory    |
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| VCU Health Chemistry Lab       | LabCorp                          |
| Turnaround time: 4 hours       | Turnaround time: <b>3-4 days</b> |

### Explanation:

Due to a manufacturer backorder status for reagent, ROUTINE lidocaine testing will be referred to LabCorp until the next reagent shipment is received which is expected to be mid-to-late August 2024.

This change should allow enough reagent to be available for STAT lidocaine testing which will continue to be performed by the VCU Health Chemistry Laboratory. Providers should order STAT lidocaine testing only when necessary for immediate patient management.

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