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TO: All Physicians at HHS and SJH, Residents, Clinical Educators, and Clinical Managers

FROM: Dr. Tony Chetty, Discipline Director Clinical Chemistry and Immunology

RE: **Addition of Ionized Calcium to CRIT Blood Gas Orders**

Effective March 14, 2016, orders for Critical Arterial Blood Gases (CRITABG), Critical Venous Blood Gases (CRITVBG) and Critical Capillary Blood Gases (CRITCBG) will also include results for ionized calcium. This will remove the requirement for a separate order, and potentially a separate specimen, when ionized calcium is required at the same time as blood gases.

Ionized calcium will also remain as a standalone order.

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