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TO: West Lincoln Memorial Hospital Physicians and Staff

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RE: ELIMINATION OF LABORATORY AD HOC WARD BLOOD PROCUREMENT AT WLMH

We are reaching out to all of you to let you know of some changes that will be coming your way. The Laboratory has reviewed blood procurement practices at WLMH and has determined that the current practice is unsustainable.

Effective Monday, August 17, 2015, the Laboratory will be replacing the “On Demand” process with a scheduled 0600 blood procurement sweep of inpatient wards. This service will be provided 7 days a week.

It is believed that these changes will result in an improvement in the overall turn-around-times for Laboratory results and in a reduction in costs for send-outs.

We appreciate that this is a significant change and we are committed to working with you to ensure a seamless transition. If you have any questions, please contact Duane Boychuk at (905) 522-1155, Ext. 34909, or Sue McIntee at Ext. 438.