

**IMPORTANT: COURIER SERVICE NOTICE FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

Due to the upcoming Memorial Day holiday, the BayCare Labs courier service would like to notify you that regularly scheduled pickups will not occur Monday, May 28. If your office has a regularly scheduled pickup and you have specimens that need to be picked up on Memorial Day, you will need to call courier dispatch at (866) 453-5499 or (727) 953-9703.

**IMPORTANT: SPECIMEN CHANGE TO PTH INTACT TEST**

Effective **immediately**, blood collection requirements for **PTH Intact** testing require collection in *Lavender* tubes with K2-EDTA anti-coagulant. This improves sample stability and standardizes collection requirements across BayCare Health System. Serum samples are no longer acceptable.

| Test Orderable | New Collection Requirement |
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| PTH Intact     | 3.0 mL Lavender EDTA       |

**Transport requirements to testing locations:** Separate EDTA plasma within 24hrs of venipuncture and transport an aliquot on ice or with cold packs to keep samples at 4°C. Samples should be analyzed within 72hrs of venipuncture.

**REMINDER: SPECIMEN COLLECTION REQUIREMENT FOR TSH THIRD GENERATION AND TSH REFLEX T4 FREE**

- 1) TSH Third Generation
  - a) The collection requirement is **LtGrn/Gold**. So both plasma and serum are acceptable specimen type.
  - b) Only TSH is measured in this test.
  - c) If plasma samples are sent, an add on for T3 cannot be done. A new redraw is needed.
  
- 2) TSH reflex T4 Free
  - a) This test will also reflex to T3, which requires only GOLD top tubes.
  - b) The Collection requirement for this orderable is only GOLD top tubes.