

Central Zone

Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Memorandum

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Subject: Change to D-Dimer High Sensitivity Assay in Central Zone

Effective Jan 19, 2022. Central Zone Pathology and Laboratory Medicine will be changing the D-Dimer assay to a new high sensitivity method. This will standardize D-Dimer testing across the province as other zones have already gone live with this new assay.

The lower cut off limit will change to: Less than 500 ng/ml - Negative

Test	Unit	Old cut off limit	New cut off limit
D-Dimer	ng/mL	Less than 200 ng/mL -	Less than 500 ng/mL -
HS		Negative	Negative

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