

Memo

To: AML Reference Laboratory Clients
From: Allina Medical Laboratories, Reference Laboratory Services
Date: December 5, 2005
Re: Platelet Function Test (6950/PFT) Update

The Platelet Function Test is a very time sensitive assay, and testing must be COMPLETED within four hours of specimen collection. AML has been having difficulty receiving these specimens in a timely enough manner that the specimen can be processed and testing completed within the time limitations.

In order to allow AML staff adequate time to process and test these specimens, the following changes have been made to the Transport/Stability and Collection and Processing Details in the AML online Collection Manual. Please make note of these changes in your hard copy of the Collection Manual.

Transport/Stability:

Previous: Ambient ***TIME SENSITIVE ***

NEW: Send by STAT Courier: Ambient: (Room Temperature) ***TIME SENSITIVE

Collection/Processing Details:

Previous: Draw with 21G needle. "DO NOT SPIN". It is best if specimens are collected at a testing site. If not - specimen MUST arrive at an AML (ANW, Mercy, Unity, or United) testing lab in time to be processed and run within four (4) hours of collection.

NEW: PFT MUST be ordered STAT. Draw with 21G needle. DO NOT SPIN. Best if specimen is collected at a testing facility (ANW, MERCY, Unity, United). If not sample MUST be placed in a STAT bag and STAT couriered to the closest testing facility. MUST arrive at testing facility within 3 hours of collection.