

Memo

To: AML Reference Laboratory Clients

From: Allina Medical Laboratories, Reference Laboratory Services

Date: November 30, 2005

Re: Vancomycin Critical/Toxic Value Change

Effective December 1, 2005 the Critical Value /Toxic Value for Vancomycin Trough (963/VNT) will change. In response to a concern from several Infectious Disease Doctors and Pharmacists the toxic value for Vancomycin Trough will be raised to 20 µg/ml (from 15 µg/ml).

This change was necessary for 2 reasons:

1. Many times, the Doctor and Pharmacist want the Vancomycin trough level to be > 15 µg/ml in order to provide the appropriate dose level for their patient.
2. This will also place Allina Medical Laboratories more in agreement with other local and national Reference Laboratories for the reporting of Vancomycin Levels.

When the Vancomycin Trough Level is >20 µg/ml it is considered toxic by laboratory standards. While the result is considered toxic, the patient is in *NO IMMEDIATE DANGER*. DO NOT STOP TREATMENT without checking with the provider.

Please direct any questions to your AML Account Representative.