

## *Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Memorandum*

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To: Physicians and Health Service Directors, Central Zone

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Subject: **Coagulation Specimen Transport**

Improper packaging and transport of specimens can lead to erroneous results, thus impacting treatment.

Plasma-based coagulation specimens (sodium citrate/light blue top tube) must be **kept at room temperature** during transport from the collection site to the laboratory. Coagulation specimens that have been refrigerated or transported on ice prior to processing are not acceptable for testing.

Please also ensure that the coagulation specimen/ light blue top tube is not transported in the same container or bag as other specimens that do require ice e.g, blood gases.

Coagulation specimens transported on ice or in same container with other specimens on ice will be cancelled.

Please feel free to contact Beverly Twohig at 902-473-6668 if you have any questions or concerns about this matter.