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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Prostate Specific Antigen Assay Using the Abbott Diagnostics System

A recent update from Siemens, our former vendor for total prostate specific antigen (tPSA) assay, confirms that the positive bias in the results of their tPSA test has been determined to approximate 20%. This lends support to the evaluation results of our newly implemented tPSA Abbott Diagnostics assay which were approximately 20% lower than those formerly produced by the Siemens assay, and hence confirms the accuracy of the Abbott assay now in place.

Additionally, following further discussions with our clinical colleagues, the lower limit of tPSA now reported will be 0.05 µg/L.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Thank you for your attention.

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