

# **OUTREACH LABORATORY UPDATE**

**APRIL 2009**

## **LABORATORY SPECIMEN/NORMAL RANGE CHANGE**

Please note that beginning Monday, April 27, there will be a change in the specimen collected for the D-Dimer testing.

Please draw an EDTA (lavender top) tube and gently mix the specimen.

If the testing will be sent and performed within 24 hours, the whole blood can be transported at ambient or refrigerated temperatures. Specimens to be held longer than 24 hours must be processed by centrifuging the specimen and removing and freezing the plasma.

There will be no change in price or CPT code.

### Normal Range:

The Normal Range will be changing to < 600 ng/mL from the current <500 ng/mL.

A negative predictive value of 90% was obtained using a cutoff value of 400 ng/mL for DVT and PE. D-Dimer results should be interpreted in conjunction with other test results and patient clinical findings. The linearity range for this assay is 100-5000 ng/mL

Automatic call-back value: > 600 ng/mL