
NEW COAGULATION TESTS AT METHODIST PATHOLOGY

We are excited to announce special coagulation testing that will be performed at The Methodist Pathology Center effective **April 21, 2009**. The following tests will be performed Monday, Wednesday and Friday:

- APC Resistance Assay
- Antithrombin III (AT III) Activity (functional)
- Protein C Activity (functional)
- Protein S Activity (functional)
- Von Willebrand Factor Antigen
- Factor V
- Factor VII
- Factor VIII Assay
- Factor IX

The specimens must be drawn in blue top sodium citrate tubes. Two 3 mL blue top tubes are required if ordering all of the above tests. If ordering an individual assay, one 3 mL blue top is required. The tubes must be full (no over or under filled tubes) and no hemolysis. Samples that will not arrive in the lab within 3 hours will need to be spun to obtain platelet poor plasma. Remove the plasma from the cells and freeze plastic tubes. For additional testing that will go to ARUP, please freeze plasma in a separate plastic tube.

Lupus anticoagulant will be added to our test menu at a later date and we will develop a Thrombotic Risk Panel for ease of ordering.

Effective April 21, 2009 **Homocysteine** will be performed at Methodist Pathology Center. The specimen requirements are 1 mL serum or heparinized plasma. Samples must be centrifuged as soon as possible after collection and serum/plasma separated from cells. Hemolyzed or severely lipemic specimens are not recommended for this assay. The sample is stable 4 days at room temperature. The test will be performed daily.