LACTATE CRITICAL VALUE

Serum Lactate has been recognized as a biochemical marker for many years and can be part of a central role in managing patients with severe trauma or possible sepsis. To support efforts at Regional West Medical Center for early diagnosis and treatment of sepsis, the Laboratory has changed the critical value for serum lactate to be 2.0 mmol/L or greater. It is our intention to help expedite treatment, improve patient care, and help our organization meet the sepsis core measure. Values at or above the critical value will be called by Laboratory staff each time they occur. This change will take effect on May 8, 2017.

Current lactate critical value: ≥ 4.0 mmol/L

Lactate critical value effective May 8th, 2017: ≥ 2.0 mmol/L

Thank you!

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