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RE: Change in Format of Results for eGFR

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Beginning June 21st, Strong Health Labs (SMH and HH), along with the laboratories of RGH and Unity, will report estimated GFR (eGFR) results in a new format. The laboratories will continue to use the MDRD Study Equation for calculating eGFR based on the National Kidney Disease Educational Program Guidelines (http://nkdep.nih.gov/professionals/gfr_calculators/idms_con.htm). This is a joint effort of the Rochester areas laboratories and the local Medical Advisory Committee of the National Kidney Foundation to standardize eGFR reporting.

- Report eGFR results equal to or greater than 60 (mL/min/1.73 m²) as >60 (mL/min/1.73 m²), not as numerical results
- Discontinue the use of the current reference range of 50-120 (mL/min/1.73 m²)
- Flag results <60 (mL/min/1.73 m²) as abnormal
- Attach comment to eGFR results >60 (mL/min/1.73 m²): 'an eGFR >60 (mL/min/1.73 m²) does not exclude kidney disease
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If you have questions about this change, please contact Dr. Tai Kwong (SMH) at 275-5654, or Dr. Julietta Fiscella (HH) at 341-8075