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RE: *Change in Hematology Analyzer Platelet Count Reference Range*

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At 12:01 am on Thursday, October 15, 2009, the SMH and HH Clinical Laboratories changed the reference range for platelet counts as follows:

**Female current (182 - 369) to (160 - 370) x 10³/uL,
Male current (163 - 337) to (150 - 330) x 10³/uL.**

The reference range has been revised in response to recognition that the local URMCL subject population demonstrates for the lower reference level slightly smaller values than the values suggested by the manufacturer of the automated cell-counting instrumentation currently in place. We understand that changes of this magnitude, particularly where the reference ranges are significantly different, are a major inconvenience to our providers. The laboratory will make every effort to make this transition with as little disruption to patient care as possible.

If you have any questions concerning these changes, please contact us via the methods listed above.