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**SUBJECT:** Changes in Test Methodology: Apolipoprotein A-1 and Apolipoprotein B  
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On October 7, 2013, URMC Labs will begin sending out Apolipoprotein A-1 and Apolipoprotein B test requests to a reference laboratory for testing, due to low test volumes.

For Apolipoprotein A-1 and Apolipoprotein B test orders, respective test codes are APA1 and APB1. Please refer to collection and handling guidelines below, as there may be some minor changes.

Methodology: Quantitative Nephelometry  
Performed: Sun-Sat  
Reported: Within 24 hours  
Patient Prep: Freshly drawn fasting specimen.  
Collect: Serum separator tube.  
Specimen Preparation: Separate serum from cells ASAP or within 2 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL serum to an ARUP Standard Transport Tube. (Min: 0.5 mL)  
Specimen Required: Storage/Transport Temperature: Refrigerated. Separate serum from cells ASAP.  
Unacceptable Conditions: Hemolyzed specimens.  
Stability (collection to initiation of testing): After separation from cells: Ambient: 8 hours; Refrigerated: 8 days; Frozen: 3 months

We understand that changes such as this can be a challenge to our providers. We will make every effort to make this transition with as little disruption to patient care as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Corsetti via the methods listed above or the Ridgeland Laboratory Manager, Liz Peterdy 758-0466 or via e-mail: [Liz\\_Peterdy@URMC.Rochester.edu](mailto:Liz_Peterdy@URMC.Rochester.edu)