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RE: Change in Method for Detection of the JAK2 V617F Mutation

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We have received approval from the New York State Department of Health to introduce a new method to test for the JAK2 V617F mutation. The new method uses real-time allele-specific PCR and is being introduced primarily to increase the efficiency of the lab. Crossover studies comparing the old and new methods reveal very similar results. There will be no changes in ordering or reporting of the new test.

Additional information about JAK2 V617F mutation testing is available upon request. If you have any questions about this change, which is in effect as of 5/5/11, or any other questions about JAK2 mutation analysis, please contact Dr. Paul Rothberg via the methods listed above.