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### Change of Specimen Collection Requirement for Plasma Ammonia Analysis

Please be informed that for improved analytical linearity, with effect from Monday, 2 June 2008, the specimen collection requirement for plasma ammonia analysis will change from 1.3 mL lithium heparin tube to 1.3 mL potassium EDTA tube. Please arrange the test request as follows:

- (1) Prior booking with Duty Biochemist for this test is still required.
- (2) Collect whole blood sample (~1.0 mL) into a 1.3 mL K<sub>3</sub>EDTA-containing Micro-tube with red-top screw cap (as shown).
- (3) The Micro-tube of blood specimen should then be submerged in ice-water and sent to the laboratory immediately.
- (4) The supply of 1.3 mL K<sub>3</sub>EDTA-containing Micro-tube is available at the Medical Consumable Store.

Potassium EDTA



If there are any enquiries on the above arrangement, please contact our Duty Biochemist at 2632-2685 / 2632-2331, or page through PWH operator at 2632-2211.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

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