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To: Clients of Hagerstown Medical Laboratory (HML)

From: John G. Newby, MD 
Director of Laboratories

Subject: Free Triiodothyronine (FT3)
Thyroid Peroxidase Antibody (TPO)
Thyroglobulin Antibodies (TGBA)

This memo amends the memo on the same subject dated 3/29/12.

This letter is to inform you of upcoming changes for the above tests in our clinical laboratory. Beginning April 2, 2012, testing for these assays will be performed at the Robinwood Laboratory on a different analyzer. Please be aware of the differences in the expected ranges as listed below:

- Free T3: 2.30 – 4.20 pg/mL for euthyroid adults. Please note that the previous expected range was 1.50 -4.10 pg/mL.
- Thyroid Peroxidase Antibody (TPO): Less than 60 IU/mL. Please note that the previous expected range was less than 35 IU/mL. **The lower limit of detection for the assay is 28 IU/mL.** Patient values in general will be approximately 50% higher than previous reported.
- Thyroglobulin Antibodies: Due to unavailability of reagents for the new analyzer, Thyroglobulin antibody samples will temporarily be sent to Quest with no change in the range. It is currently not known when the reagent outage will end.

Any questions regarding this change may be referred to me or HML's Chemistry Technical Specialist, Myrna Hale, at 301-665-4983.