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Test Update

From Your Laboratory Service Provider, PathGroup Labs

Elevated Serum Total Proteins

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- Based on client notification, PathGroup Labs has identified a slight shift in our patient population for serum total proteins reported between 08/25/2010 and 08/31/2010. The event was isolated within this time period and was corrected prior to patient testing received as of 12:00 pm on 08/31/2010.
- Patient serum total proteins that were reported as greater than the reference range with an associated "H" (High) flag have the potential of being falsely elevated by approximately 0.1 – 0.7 g/dL. Although this difference is of minimal clinical significance, we realize and acknowledge any valid concerns.
- If, as a provider, you suspect that patients had falsely elevated serum total proteins within the above time period, PathGroup will offer repeat testing at no charge to the patient or clinician. To ensure that patients/clients are not charged, please include the comment – "Retest at no charge" – on the requisition.
- We greatly appreciate your confidence and attention to patient care. Please feel free to contact our Client Services department regarding specimen collection needs.

Test Code	Test Name	CPT
TP	Total Protein	84155

For further questions, please contact Client Services at 615-562-9300 or 1-888-474-5227.