

Important Laboratory Information PTH-related peptide (PTHrP): Delay in results due to manufacturer-related quality issues

Dear Sir or Madam,

We would like to inform you of an important change regarding the measurement of parathyroid hormone-related peptide (PTHrP).

The immunoassay previously used in our laboratory (IRMA, manufacturer Beckman Coulter) is unfortunately no longer available at short notice due to production problems at the manufacturer and has been withdrawn from the market for an indefinite period. Despite intensive examination of possible alternatives, we have so far been unable to identify any commercially available immunoassay that meets our quality requirements.

In order to continue offering you reliable diagnostics, we are currently developing a new, highly specific method based on liquid chromatography coupled with mass spectrometry (LC-MS). This method is scheduled to be introduced in July.

Until the new test becomes available, you may continue to send us samples for PTHrP determination. All incoming samples will be stored in our laboratory under suitable conditions appropriate to the material and analysed promptly once the new method has been established.

We are confident that the new method will ensure high analytical quality and reliability, and we thank you for your understanding and your trust in our laboratory.

We are, of course, always available to answer any queries you may have.

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Kind regards,

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