

## **Inpatient Phlebotomy Staffing Shortage (May 17- June 30)**

**Situation:** Inpatient Phlebotomy has experienced unexpected staffing turnover and reduced their ability to manage all inpatient lab draws.

**Background:** We expect this shortage to continue through June 30<sup>th</sup> while they recruit and train new team members.

**Assessment:** To maintain our ability to support the diagnosis and treatment of our patients, we are asking our Provider and Nursing Community members to step in to help.

### **Request:**

- **Providers, when possible:**
  - Prioritize urgent and emergent lab orders
  - Bundle lab orders
  
- **Nurses on units who do not do lab draws:**
  - Routine Labs: Inpatient phlebotomy will continue to support.
  - Urgent/Stat Labs: Seek support from Unit staff trained for phlebotomy, Life Safety (35-5310) or VAS (35-9260).
    - **Prior to paging Life Safety or VAS, please:**
      - Release the orders and place the Lab Requisition in the Unit's Phlebotomy Bin or VAS Bin, as appropriate.