**TO:         D-H Providers, Residents and Fellows, D-H Nursing**

**FROM: Vincent Falco, Sr. Administrative Director, Pathology & Laboratory Medicine**

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**Date:     Friday February 3, 2023**

**Re:         SBAR – Creatinine reagent shortage update**

**Situation**:

FedEx shipping delays have resulted in a creatinine reagent shortage for DHMC’s Clinical Chemistry; system sites are running as many routines on location as possible to address shortage. Samples drawn in the Community Group Practices will see extended turn-around-times as they are routed throughout the system for testing through the weekend.

**Background**:

Delivery delays have resulted in a critical shortage of Creatinine reagent. No other chemistry tests are impacted by this shortage. Private transportation has been hired to deliver more reagent with an expected receipt Monday afternoon (2/6).

**Assessment**:

Samples drawn at CGP locations will have extended turn-around-times as they get routed to alternative testing locations. All other draw sites should expect typical turn-around-times.

**Recommendation**:

Review standing orders and limit ordering creatinines and panels containing creatinine (BMP, CMP, Renal panels, Urinary albumin (microalbumin), Urine Protein/Creatinine Ratios etc.) to truly necessary orders.

If you have questions or concerns about creatinine testing please call the chemistry leadership team at 603-650-7842 or email [Abigail.A.Johnston@hitchcock.org](mailto:Abigail.A.Johnston@hitchcock.org).