**To:** Dartmouth Health Southern Region Providers

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**RE:** New In-House Test Offering, C-Reactive Protein (CRP) &

Discontinuation of Sedimentation Rate Automated (ESR) at the Southern Region Labs

Effective August 1, 2023, the Southern Region Laboratories will bring the C-Reactive Protein (CRP) [LAB4060] test in-house and discontinue sending this test to external hospitals. It will be available as a STAT test offering. Additionally, Sedimentation Rate Automated (ESR) [LAB322] will be discontinued at the Southern Region Laboratories.

**Why is this change being made?**

The chemistry testing menu has been updated to better meet the needs of our patients in the southern region. C-reactive protein (CRP) is the preferred test to assess acute inflammatory status. Although, sedimentation rate (ESR) will no longer be offered at the Southern Region Laboratories, it will continue to be performed at DHMC and when ordered, samples will be sent to Lebanon for analysis.

**What do Providers need to do?**

Expect shorter turn-around times for CRP testing and note that sedimentation rate testing for the southern NH region will be performed in Lebanon.

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