**To:** Dartmouth Health Southern NH Region Providers

**From:** Lynn A. Brunelle Ph.D., Director, DH Southern NH Region Laboratories

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**RE:** Discontinuation of Cooximetry Panel (LAB56) Orderable at the DH Southern NH Region Clinics

Effective June 24, 2024, the DH Southern NH Region Laboratories will no longer be offering the Cooximetry Panel (LAB56) as an orderable for transport to DHMC Lebanon.

**Why is this change being made?**

EDTA vacutainers will no longer be an acceptable specimen type for this test. This will limit the acceptable specimen type to heparinized blood gas syringes only. The stability of this sample type requires that this testing be performed in close proximity to the patient. Due to the extended transport time required to get the sample to DHMC Lebanon, where the testing is performed, the DH Southern NH Region Clinics will no longer have this test available as an orderable.

**What do Providers need to do?**

Be aware that this test will no longer be available. If Cooximetry is urgently needed, patients should be directed to the nearest emergency department.

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