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**MEMORANDUM**

**Today's Date:** July 31, 2020.  
**Effective Date:** **August 4, 2020.**  
**From:** Chief, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Services.  
**Subject:** **Platelet function testing with VerifyNow®.**

The Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Service at VA Greater Los Angeles is pleased to announce new testing of **platelet function by VerifyNow®** available Monday August 3, 2020.

The VerifyNow system evaluates *in vitro* platelet function in relation anti-platelet therapy. Our system is validated to assess patients taking Aspirin (ASP) and P2Y12 inhibitors (thienopyridines/Plavix; (PRU).

**ORDERING:**

The test is not orderable in CPRS. **Please contact blood bank (x53535)** to request the **required** testing form (TRM F9011-1). The form must be filled out and returned to the blood bank with the patient sample.

**SAMPLE COLLECTION:**

Please review the **VerifyNow Sample Collection Guide** prior to specimen collection as there are specific sample collection requirements. Both the **Guide** and **collection materials** will be provided to you by Blood Bank.

Please **do not send the specimen to blood bank via the pneumatic tube system** as this will interfere with platelet reactivity and will invalidate test results. Please **hand-walk** the specimen to Blood Bank (room 1200).

**REPORTING:**

Test results for **"ASPIRIN PLATELET INHIBITION"** and **"P2Y12 PLATELET INHIBITION"** are available in CPRS within 4 hours of collection.

If you have questions please contact Rabin Sharma [rabin.sharma@va.gov](mailto:rabin.sharma@va.gov) or me [john.vallone@va.gov](mailto:john.vallone@va.gov).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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