



Date: Monday, March 17, 2008

To: All LABS Customers

Subject: ABBOTT NOTICE TO RETIRE CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASE TEST KITS

The following is in response to the recent AATB Bulletin, dated February 29, 2008 and to the notice from Abbott Diagnostics regarding certain infectious disease assays that will be retired on June 30, 2008.

Of the eleven (11) assays that are being retired by Abbott, only three (3) are in use at LABS:

- AUSAB® EIA, also known as Hepatitis B Surface Antibody (HBsAb)
- CORZYME® - M, also known as Hepatitis B Core IgM (HBc IgM)
- CMV TOTAL AB EIA

LABS is currently evaluating and validating the following replacement assays:

- BioRad, MONOLISA Anti-HBs EIA, also known as Hepatitis B Surface Antibody (HBsAb)
- BioRad, MONOLISA Anti-HBc IgM, also known as Hepatitis B Core IgM
- Immucor, Capture CMV®

Of the remaining screening assays, LABS currently uses the following:

- BioRad, HBsAg
- BioRad, HIV 1&2 Ab
- Ortho, HBcAb
- Abbott, HTLV I&II (assay is not being retired at this time)
- Abbott, HCV Ab (assay is not being retired at this time)

If you have any further questions, please contact your LABS Account Manager or LABS Client Solutions Specialist.