

# TEST UPDATE

## Critical Value for International Normalized Ratio (INR)

### UVMHC

Effective December 9, 2024, UVMHC will update the critical value at which providers will receive notification from the laboratory for a critical INR result. This change is the result of an effort to standardize these values across the UVM Health Network.

The critical value will be **updated to an INR  $\geq 5.0$** .

Updated Orderable	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Test ID
Prothrombin Time	LAB320	PRO	FAH4828

Current Critical Value	New Critical Value
$>3.8$	$\geq 5.0$

Colleagues in Hematology, the UVMHC INR Clinic, and Pharmacy were consulted regarding this change, all of whom supported the new critical value for the INR. This change also aligns with our national reference laboratory (Mayo Clinic Laboratories Critical Value), which defines INR Critical High as  $\geq 5.0$ .

As a reminder, **please review your warfarin dosing protocols, notifications, and/or treatment protocols established at your location to incorporate this updated critical value to INR  $\geq 5.0$ .**

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