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# **TEST UPDATE**

## **BLEEDING TIME TEST**

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As of July 29, 2010, the Bleeding Time Test will no longer be performed at Porter Hospital Laboratory. Current literature indicates that the manual bleeding time method is poorly reproducible, insensitive and outdated for use in screening for primary hemostatic disorders. Platelet function testing is now the recommended alternative to the manual bleeding time. This testing is available through Porter Hospital Laboratory and performed at Fletcher Allen Health Care. Specimen requirements and testing information are available on the Porter Hospital Laboratory internet site at <http://www.porterhospitallab.org/search.html> under Platelet Function Testing.