
PORTER HOSPITAL LABORATORY

DATE: 7/13/2010
TO: PORTER HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF, NURSING STAFF
FROM: MAUREEN HARMON, MD, LAB DIRECTOR
RE: CHANGES TO CRITICAL VALUES

On June 9, 2010 the Porter Hospital Medical Staff approved the following changes to the present critical values notification chart.

- **Change to Troponin:** currently Troponin is not on our critical values list.
Alert: Call first positive or indeterminate (>0.1 ng/ml) in a cardiac series.
All values above 0.1 ng/ml will flag as VH (very high) on the report (This is an internal computer requirement to trigger a critical call for the lab).
- **Change to creatinine:** currently the call value is >4.0 mg/dl
Alert: >4.0 mg/dl with no previous **OR**
>4.0 mg/dl and is greater than 2.5 mg/dl higher than previous value.