



Memo No. 2018-016
Date: 13-Mar-2018
Memo To: Clients
Re: Test Site Revision – Procalcitonin **Effective Immediately**
(Specimen Handling Revised)

ICL is pleased to announce that Procalcitonin analysis is now available at St. Michael’s Hospital, Toronto, ON. This allows faster turnaround time, thus improving clinical efficacy, at a lower price. Effective 16 April 2018 this will become ICL’s routine default Procalcitonin service. The current default lab for Procalcitonin analysis is Quest Diagnostics, CA, USA.

If you wish to start using the new St. Michael’s Hospital service prior to April 16:
 You may order the test electronically using the new Order Code/RES Code shown below. Or if you submit orders with paper requisitions, please contact Client Care so that a process can be implemented to ensure that your orders are directed to the lab of your choice.

Test details are provided below. ICL’s website will be revised to reflect this default service change just prior to the change.

Specimen: Serum or Plasma (Heparin) **Method:** Chemiluminescence IA (ADVIA Centaur BRAHMS)

Specimen Handling: Store and send frozen.

Stability Ambient: 8 Hours Refrigerated: 2 Days Frozen: >1 Month

Reference Range: Normal <0.15 µg/L or an 80% drop from baseline.
 Clinical correlation is required, PCT level does not replace clinical judgement.
 Persistent elevation of increasing PCT alone is NOT an indication for broadening or adding antibiotic treatment.

For HL7 Interfaced Clients:		
Order Code: PRCAL	RES Code: 62599 Procalcitonin	Units: ug/L

If you have further questions please contact Client Care at (416) 422-3000 Ext. 300 or info@ICLabs.ca

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