

25<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Re: CD69 Sample Stability**

Dear Colleague,

Following on from a recent review of CD69 samples sent to MedLab Pathology (MLP) I would like to remind all users of the sample stability for this assay. CD69 is referred to our sister laboratory, The Doctor's Laboratory (TDL) in London for analysis.

All CD69 samples have to reach TDL within 24hrs of the sample being drawn. Hence we would like to advise colleagues that any CD69 test drawn before 12 noon on the date of receipt in MLP will be rejected as an aged specimen. To guarantee CD69 analysis is completed, please draw the sample after 12 noon and ensure the sample arrives in MLP the same day.

When requesting the Natural Killer Profile (NK1), which includes CD69, TDL will continue to process all other tests included in this panel should the CD69 be rejected due to sample stability issues.

I would be grateful if you could communicate this information to all appropriate staff.

If you would like additional information regarding this change please do not hesitate to contact us on 1800 303 349 or email us at [sales@medlabpathology.ie](mailto:sales@medlabpathology.ie).

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further queries you may have.

Kind regards,



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