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Removal of Appended Comments for Hgb A1c, Creatinine, and Thyroid Cascade TSH

On 11/6/2021, the UVMHC Laboratory will be making three revisions to the comments generated on the following tests: Hgb A1c, Creatinine (eGFR), Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH).

- On Hgb A1c, the target goals for type 1 diabetics will no longer be appended to each result. This is because these targets are updated routinely, can differ depending on the clinical situation, and are best decided on in consultation with the patient's managing provider. The only appended comment that will remain is the ADA Hgb A1c ranges for normal, pre-diabetes, and diabetes.
- As race is a social, not biological construct, the comment on the race correction factor to apply to the serum creatinine eGFR value for African-American patients will no longer be appended. In addition, the UVMHC laboratory will move to adopt the non-race based CKD-EPI eGFR equation recently developed by the NKF. Notification of this change will be separate and in the near future.
- TSH results from the thyroid cascade will no longer have the following comment appended: "TSH cascade is not recommended for patients in which pituitary or hypothalamic disorders are suspected." This limitation is and should be well known to ordering providers and only further complicates the patient's test result report.

Affected Orderables:

Name	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID
Hemoglobin A1c	LAB90	HA1C	FAH5419
POCT Hemoglobin A1c, Interfaced	POC507	N/A	N/A
Creatinine, Serum	LAB66	CREAT	FAH5382
POCT Creatinine, iSTAT	POC47	N/A	N/A
Thyroid Cascade	LAB2103	THCAS	FAH5791

If you have any questions about these changes, then please contact the Medical Director of Clinical Chemistry (clayton.wilburn@uvmhealth.org).

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