

# LabMed Report

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**In this issue: I-Stat pO<sub>2</sub> and pCO<sub>2</sub>, test discontinued**

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Effective immediately, Point of care testing for the blood gas parameters pO<sub>2</sub> and pCO<sub>2</sub> on the I-stat instrument is discontinued hospital wide. TCO<sub>2</sub>, Base excess, HCO<sub>3</sub>, and O<sub>2</sub> saturation will also be unavailable.

This is due to the I-stat instrument's failure to pass recent proficiency testing challenges from our lab accrediting body, the College of American Pathologists.

This means that all testing for pO<sub>2</sub> and pCO<sub>2</sub> must be performed in the main lab, not at the patient bedside.

This will be in effect for a minimum of 6 months.

If this affects your practice in any way we need to speak with you ASAP to consider work arounds.

Call John Keep MD, Laboratory Medical Director, at 5-6112 or page the pathologist on call to discuss. A lab team will be provided to work with you.