



## *Memorandum*

**To:** All medical and nursing staff  
**From:** St Vincent's Pathology (Haematology)  
**Date:** 8 April 2016  
**Subject:** Change of Reference Range for APTT testing

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Please note that effective 8 April 2016 the reference ranges for the Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (APTT) have changed. This is due to the implementation of a new improved testing platform and reagent in pathology.

For normal coagulation samples the reference range for APTT changes from 26 – 40 seconds to **26 – 36 seconds**.

For St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne **Protocol 1: Treatment of PE, DVT, and other serious thrombotic conditions** the therapeutic unfractionated heparin monitoring the APTT reference range is now **60 – 100 seconds**.

Appropriate Unfractionated Heparin Therapy guidelines are in the process of being updated and will be released accordingly.

For any queries regarding this memorandum please contact the haematology pathologist on 9231-4110.

Thank you.

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