

LABORATORY SERVICES

Important Test Updates – 05/16/2022

Reference Range Updates for Lead Tests – Whole Blood and Filter Card

On May 19, 2022, the reference range for all **lead whole blood and lead filter card tests** performed at Nationwide Children's Hospital (test codes: PBO, PBFP, PBXZP) will be updated from the current range of <5 ug/dL to the new range of <3.5 ug/dL. In addition, all values will be reported to the tenth decimal place to accommodate the new range. This update is based upon the CDC recommended blood lead reference value that was published in October, 2021.

For more information about the updated reference ranges for all lead whole blood and filter paper lead tests, please contact Nationwide Children's Laboratory Services at (614) 722-5477.

