



**DATE:** February 22, 2016  
**TO:** Elmhurst Memorial Reference Clients  
**SUBJECT:** **New HIV screening test update**

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Effective March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the laboratory at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital is pleased to announce the implementation of a 4<sup>th</sup> Generation HIV 1/O/2 antigen/antibody combination assay. This new assay has the ability to detect the p24 antigen, which enables earlier detection versus the current 3<sup>rd</sup> generation antibody assay. The 4<sup>th</sup> generation assay is the CDC recommended HIV screening test.

This test will result as Non-Reactive or Reactive. Reactive samples will be sent out for supplemental testing beginning with an HIV 1/2 differentiation assay. If necessary, further testing is automatically reflexed by the send out laboratory. The new test replaces the current HIV screen HIVAE. **The new test code is HIVAGAB.**

If you have any questions, please contact Client Services at 331-221-4422.