Memorandum

To: Northwell Health Laboratories' Clients

From: Dwayne Breining, M.D., Executive Director, Northwell Health Laboratories

Date: September 10, 2024

Re: Important Specimen Collection Update for Noninvasive Prenatal Screening (NIPT/NIPS) testing

Dear Valued Northwell Health Laboratories' Clients,

We would like to inform you of an important update regarding the Streck Cell-free BCT (Blood Collection Tube) used for Noninvasive Prenatal Screening (NIPT/NIPS) specimen collection.

Effective immediately, the Streck Cell-free BCT collection tube has changed. The current black/tan stopper tube has been discontinued and replaced with a solid tan stopper tube. This change was made after a meticulous and thorough validation by Streck, to ensure that it does not compromise the quality and quantity of the stabilized cell-free DNA required for accurate testing. While we will immediately implement this change, we will continue to use and accept the current Streck Cell-free BCT black/tan stopper tubes until they are depleted.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our customer service team at (800)-472-5757.



