

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Dear Valued Clients:

Effective immediately, we are adopting a different method of calculating the biomarker for liver fibrosis "Fibrotest". This new method "FibroScore" has been tested and validated on patients with hepatitis B, HIV/HCV, alcoholic cirrhosis, and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. In all cases, biomarker results have been correlated with results from liver biopsy. The "FibroScore" patient score may be different from "Fibrotest" score; however, it corresponds to the same classification (METAVIR, Knodell, Ishak).

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