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Dear Colleague

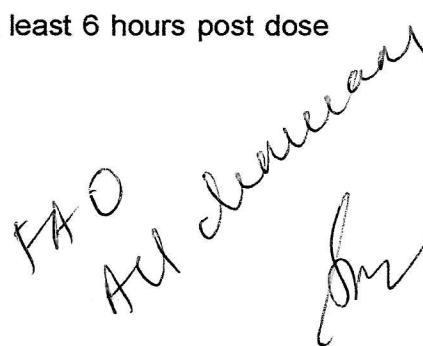
Re: Digoxin Therapeutic Range

I write to advise you that the therapeutic range for Digoxin has changed from 1.0-2.0 ug/L to 0.5-1.0 ug/L in accordance with National Pathology Harmony Guidance.

Traditional therapeutic ranges minimised digoxin toxicity whereas later evidence suggests that keeping digoxin levels within the range 0.5-1.0 ug/L both minimises digoxin toxicity and maximises the drug efficiency.

Note that samples for digoxin analysis should be drawn at least 6 hours post dose and accompanied by renal profile analysis.

Yours sincerely



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for

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Ref: Hallworth, M & Watson, I Therapeutic Drug Monitoring and Laboratory Medicine ACB Creative Publications

