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TO: ALL NATIONAL CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS NETWORK (NCTN) MEMBERS AND NATIONAL COMMUNITY ONCOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM (NCORP) AFFILIATES AND SUBAFFILIATES

FROM: SWOG Operations Office (E-mail: protocols@swog.org)

RE: Updated Specimen Guidance During COVID Pandemic

MEMORANDUM- Updated SWOG Active Protocol Specimen Guidance Document

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform sites of the updated *SWOG Active Protocol Specimen Guidance* document (Version Date 9/9/2020). This document prioritizes specimens for each protocol to help sites evaluate how critical each specimen is and allow prioritization of efforts to bring the patients in to clinic and ensure adequate phlebotomy and laboratory staff to process and ship specimens. The document is available on the SWOG website (www.swog.org) at the COVID Clearinghouse and CRA Workbench, and on the CTSU website (www.ctsu.org). This document will continue to be updated on an as-needed basis.

For questions about this guidance, please e-mail the protocol specific SDMC contact found in the protocol.

This memorandum serves to notify the NCI, CIRB, and SWOG Statistics and Data Management Center.

cc: PROTOCOL & INFORMATION OFFICE