



**Memorandum – Core #202**

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**Subject: Free Phenytoin testing Sent Out**

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Due to an unexpected reagent discontinuation, free phenytoin testing will be sent out to Mayo Clinic. This will impact the required testing volume and turnaround time for results.

	Current Required Volume	New Required Volume	Current TAT	New TAT
Free Phenytoin	1.0 mL	2 mL	24 hours	48 hours

The laboratory is working to find alternative testing solutions to bring the testing back in house.

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