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MEMORANDUM #116

TO: UNC Hospitals Attending Physicians, Housestaff, Nursing Coordinators,
Department Heads and Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Changes in Oligosaccharide Testing

Referral Testing announces a change in Oligosaccharide testing. The current orderable test for oligosaccharide screening is performed by TLC on a random urine specimen. With the introduction of a more sensitive leukocyte enzyme activity/mass spectrometry method available, Referral Testing will discontinue sending the urine assay and transition to the whole blood assay. The whole blood assay will be sent to Mayo Medical Laboratories. The change will require a minimum of 5 mls of blood be collected in an ACD tube and is still considered screening.

The current Oligosaccharide Screen, Urine orderable in EPIC will be discontinued and the new whole blood assay will be orderable 11/4/14 by browsing "Oligosaccharide Screen, Blood". Please check your personal preference list and update as needed.

For questions or more information regarding this change, please contact Dr. Hammett-Stabler or Marsha Owens at 966-2362.