



**MEMORANDUM #178**

TO: UNCHCS Attending Physicians, Housestaff, Clinical Nurse Coordinators, Department Heads and Supervisors

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**SUBJECT: Temporary Send Out of All Plasma EBV Viral Load Testing at UNC McLendon Clinical Laboratories**

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Due to manufacturer discontinuation of reagents currently used for EBV viral load testing, the UNC McLendon Clinical Laboratories will be sending out all plasma EBV viral load testing to Mayo Medical Laboratories beginning July 3rd. Once new reagents can be validated, the Clinical Molecular Microbiology lab will resume in-house testing.

During this transition, the ordering procedure in EPIC will remain the same, as will the specimen type.

**\*Affiliate hospitals please note that these samples should be sent to Mayo and not UNC during this timeframe\***

Turnaround time for results will be 3 days. The range of quantification is 100 to 5,000,000 IU/mL.

Please see the Mayo Medical Laboratories webpage for additional information.

<https://www.mayomedicallaboratories.com/test-catalog/Overview/65754>

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