

## **MEMORANDUM #88**

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**SUBJECT:** Change in Hemoccult Slides for Point of Care Testing

Effective January 20, 2010, new hemoccult slides for fecal occult blood testing will be placed in Central Distribution. The new Hemoccult Sensa slides are recommended by the American Cancer Society and the US Preventive Services Task Force as the preferred fecal occult blood screening test for colorectal cancer. Product information is provided below:

## New items added:

CD#050770 Hemoccult Sensa Slides Fecal blood 100/Bx Issued by Box CD#050771 Hemoccult Sensa Slide Take Home Kit 40/Box Issued by Box Developer for use by units approved for point of care fecal occult blood testing may be obtained by contacting the Point of Care Coordinate at 6-2449.

## Deleted items:

CD#000139 slide hemoccult fecal blood CD#000140 developer hemoccult slide CD#000142 kit hemoccult slide w/envelope

Please use the PAR location update forms to process any PAR location updates.

The Sensa products are identified by a blue coloring on the packaging of the slide and developer. It is important that only blue developer be used with blue slides. The current product is identified by yellow coloring on the packaging of the slides and developer. It is important that only yellow developer be used with yellow slides.

Please contact the Point of Care Coordinator at 966-2449 if there are any questions.