



Memorandum – Micro #234

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Subject: Changes to Enterovirus Blood PCR Test

Effective April 22, 2024, the UNC Medical Center Clinical Molecular Microbiology Laboratory will discontinue Enterovirus Blood PCR testing in-house (EPIC: Enterovirus PCR, Blood; Test ID: LAB1333). All orders for Enterovirus Blood PCR will be sent to Mayo Clinical Laboratories. Test ordering remains the same. This change is due to low test volume and the manufacturer discontinuing the test currently performed by McLendon Clinical Laboratories. Enterovirus PCR, CSF (Test ID: LAB5245) remains available.

The details for the test available at Mayo Clinical Laboratories can be found here: [Mayo Enterovirus Blood Test](#). The collection will change from a serum separator tube to EDTA plasma (purple top or plasma preparation tube).

Locations that previously sent Enterovirus Blood PCR to McLendon Clinical Laboratories should route orders directly to Mayo.

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