




Memorandum – Micro #233

To: UNC Health System Attending Physicians, Faculty Practice Physicians, Housestaff, Clinical Nurse Coordinators, Department Heads and Supervisors

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Subject: Changes to Hepatitis C Virus Genotyping Test

Effective March 18, 2024, the UNC Medical Center Clinical Molecular Microbiology Laboratory will discontinue hepatitis C virus (HCV) genotyping in-house (EPIC: "Hepatitis C Genotype" Test ID: LAB915). All orders for HCV genotyping will be sent to Mayo Clinical Laboratories. This change is due to the manufacturer discontinuing the test currently performed by McLendon Clinical Laboratories.

The details for the test available at Mayo Clinical Laboratories can be found here: [Mayo HCV Genotype Test](#). HCV genotyping will only be performed on specimens from patients confirmed to have HCV RNA levels of 500 IU/ml or higher.

For locations that routinely send HCV testing to McLendon Clinical Laboratories, there will be no change in collection, ordering codes, or existing reflex policies. Locations that perform their own HCV testing should route HCV genotype orders directly to Mayo.

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