

Memorandum Micro #202

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Subject: Discontinuation of Norovirus PCR test

Effective December 6, 2021, the UNC Medical Center Clinical Microbiology laboratory will no longer perform Norovirus PCR (LAB6335). This decision is based on low test volume and the availability of alternative testing.

Norovirus is a component of the GI Pathogen Panel (LAB6053), which is still performed in house. Details for the GI Pathogen Panel are available here:

https://www.uncmedicalcenter.org/mclendon-clinical-laboratories/available-tests/gi-pathogen-panel/.

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