





MEMORANDUM #169

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

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SUBJECT: **Changes to Microsporidium Testing**

Effective immediately, the UNC Clinical Microbiology Laboratory will no longer offer in-house Microsporidium testing. The following tests will now be sent to Mayo Medical Laboratories:

- (1) Stool or urine - Microsporidia species PCR (<http://www.mayomedicallaboratories.com/test-catalog/Overview/63097>).
- (2) Other sample types (duodenal aspirate, respiratory secretions, eye, tissue or gallbladder aspirate) - Microsporidia stain (<http://www.mayomedicallaboratories.com/test-catalog/Overview/81507>).

Both tests are performed Monday through Friday with a 2-4 day turnaround time. Please order the test as a Referral Lab Test, Other (LAB5744) with Microsporidia as the Specific Requested Test.

Please contact the Microbiology Laboratory at 984-974-1453 or Dr. Peter Gilligan at 984-974-1450 with any questions.