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Re: Change in Urinalysis methodology

In order to phase out obsolete equipment, effective August 8, 2016, the clinical Hematology laboratory will switch to the Beckman Coulter Iricell method for urinalysis testing. The Iricell is an integrated dipstick and pattern recognition microscopic instrument. Transition to the new instrumentation will result in the following changes:

1. EPIC: two orders are available – UA and UA with reflex culture. The individual tests Urine Chemscreen and Urine Microscopic analysis have been removed from EPIC.
2. Testing: all urine specimens submitted for testing will be analyzed for Urine Chemscreen and Urine Microscopic.
3. Reporting: there will be no change in the reporting of the UA results.
4. Urines analyzed on Iricell will not be available for add-on testing.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the hematology laboratory at 773-702-1314.