



UnityPoint Health

SERVICE UPDATE

UNITYPOINT HEALTH-METHODIST LABORATORY

Effective 09/26/2016

C. Difficile/Group B Streptococcus Detection Methodology Change

Nucleic acid amplification by Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) will replace our current method of isothermal loop mediated technology for the detection of C. Difficile and Group B Streptococcus. This change to PCR testing will provide a faster turn-around time by performing the assay at receipt as opposed to once a day, enhancing patient care.

Specimen Requirements: No change

Unacceptable Specimen Types: No change

Schedule of Testing: Sunday-Saturday; random access testing.

New Test Name: no change

C diff: LAB4412

Group B Strep: LAB1371

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