



**To:** UCH Medical Staff, Housestaff, Patient Care Centers, and Outpatient Clinics

**From:** Kara Newton, Director of Core Laboratories

**Date:** 7/19/2022

**Subject:** Disruption in supply of Urinalysis strips

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**Laboratory Section:** Hematology

**Summary:**

Due to global production issues, dipsticks used for automated urinalysis are no longer available. The laboratory is performing urinalysis tests using a manual backup method resulting in delays in the turnaround time. Given this situation, we ask that ordering for urinalysis testing (test codes LABHECHUA and LABHEUAC) be limited to situations where the results from the test will change the immediate care of the patient.

**Questions:** If there are any questions regarding the change, test requirements or ordering, please contact: Kara Newton ([kara.newton@uchospitals.edu](mailto:kara.newton@uchospitals.edu)) or Sandeep Gurbuxani, MBBS, Ph.D. at ([sandeep.gurbuxani@uchospitals.edu](mailto:sandeep.gurbuxani@uchospitals.edu))