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**To:** UCM Medical Staff, House staff, Nursing Staff, Patient Care Centers, and Outpatient Clinics

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**Subject: Temporary Blood Lead (Pb) Send out to Mayo**

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**Effective Date:** 6/23/2023

**Laboratory Section:** Clinical Chemistry

**Summary:**

Effective immediately, blood specimens for lead testing received from 6-17-2023 onward are being sent out to Mayo Medical Laboratories for completion due to ongoing analyzer issues.

The turnaround time (TAT) for these send-out specimens is approximately 2-3 days from when the samples are received by Mayo.

Service has been requested from the vendor of the analyzer, but at the current time, we do not have an estimate on when repairs will be completed, and when we will be able to resume this testing in-house.

There is no change to how orders for lead testing need to be placed in EPIC.

**Questions:**

If there are any questions regarding this interim Pb send out, the test codes, or the ordering process, please contact:

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