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**Subject: Effective Immediately: Standardization of ED and Pediatric Clinical Chemistry Panel Orders**

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**Laboratory Section:** Chemistry

Effective immediately, UCM is discontinuing the use of longstanding, institution-specific clinical chemistry panels and transitioning to the use of standard Basic Metabolic Panel (BMP) and Hepatic Function Panel (HFP) orders currently utilized by other clinical departments and services and as recognized as AMA standard nomenclature for these panels.

The purpose of this change is to align with standard nomenclature used at UCM and across most hospital systems, improve consistency in laboratory ordering, and reduce variability in panel naming and utilization. This update applies to both adult-specific and pediatric-specific ED chemistry panels and the Pediatric Liver Panel

We apologize that this was implemented in advance of this formal announcement.

Providers are encouraged to order the standard BMP or HFP as clinically appropriate moving forward. If any of the discontinued ED-specific chemistry panels are currently included in your order preference lists or order sets, please update them to the corresponding standardized panels at your earliest convenience.

Discontinued Orders (Test Code / Procedure)	Standardized Orders (Test Code / Procedure)
ER Panel I (851113 / LABCHSTKG)	Basic Metabolic Panel (851036 / LABCHKPNL)
ER Panel II (851114 LABCHSTLP)	Hepatic Function Panel (854380 / LABCHLPNL)
Pediatric ER Panel II (851274 / LABCHPDSTLP)	Hepatic Function Panel (854380 / LABCHLPNL)
Pediatric Liver Panel (851275 / LABCHPDLPNL)	Hepatic Function Panel (854380 / LABCHLPNL)

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we work to standardize laboratory ordering practices across UCM.

If you have questions regarding this change or need assistance updating order preferences, please contact the Clinical Chemistry Laboratory – Hyde Park at 773-702-1772, or:

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