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**MEMORANDUM #103**

**TO:** UNC Hospitals Attending Physicians, Housestaff, Department Heads,  
Nursing staff and Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** **Acetest Tablet (ACET) Shortage for Qualitative Serum Ketone Testing**

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There is a national shortage of Acetest tablets for qualitative serum ketone testing. The manufacturer has not issued a release date for the reagent and there is not an alternate supplier. The Core Laboratory has a one month supply available but it is anticipated that the amount on hand will not last until the product is released, possibly as late as Spring 2012. Once the current supply is depleted, the Acetest (ACET) will not be available.

For more information or questions, please contact either Dr. Catherine Hammett-Stabler or Margaret Gearhart at 966-2361.