



MEMORANDUM #158

TO: UNCHCS Attending Physicians and Faculty Practice Physicians, Housestaff, Clinical Nurse Coordinators, Department Heads and Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Discontinuation of Alkali Denaturation Test (APT) in UNC Special Hematology Laboratory**

DATE: December 10, 2019

Effective December 10, 2019, the alkali denaturation test (APT) used to determine the presence of fetal hemoglobin in the stool or emesis of a newborn will be discontinued in the UNC Special Hematology Laboratory. This change is being made due to the low volume of requests which makes it difficult for our technologists to maintain proficiency at performing the test.

If you have any questions related to this change, please email David C. Williams Jr. (david_willjr@med.unc.edu) or call the Special Hematology Laboratory at 984-974-8322.

For further information regarding test availability, please contact the UNC Referral Testing Laboratory at 984-974-1414.