



MEMORANDUM #163

TO: UNCHCS Attending Physicians, Housestaff, Nursing Coordinators, Department Heads and Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Cancellation of Duplicate Timed and Trough Tacrolimus Orders**

DATE: January 31, 2020

In order to be in compliance with federal regulations and accreditation agency requirements, effective immediately, duplicate timed and/or trough tacrolimus orders will be cancelled.

Recommendation for Providers and Housestaff:

- If > 1 tacrolimus testing is clinically indicated from specimens collected during same draw, enter reason for multiple tacrolimus orders in comment fields (e.g. venipuncture vs line collection).

Cancellation of duplicate tacrolimus orders:

- If one specimen is received in lab with > 1 tacrolimus orders (timed and/or trough), the duplicate tacrolimus order will be cancelled.
- If two specimens are collected during the same draw with > 1 tacrolimus orders (timed and/or trough) without an order comment, the duplicate tacrolimus order will be cancelled.

If you have any questions, please contact the Special Chemistry Laboratory at 984-974-1415 or Dr. Korpi-Steiner at 984-974-1498.