



MEMORANDUM #188

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

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SUBJECT: Change to Reflex Policy for Rapid Strep Test

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Effective immediately, negative Rapid Group A Strep Antigen tests (LAB885) will automatically reflex to Throat Culture (LAB236, Group A Strep Culture) only for patients <18 yo. Positive tests will not reflex to culture for any age. Providers wanting a throat culture for adult patients with a negative Rapid Group A Strep Antigen test will need to manually order a Throat Culture (LAB236). This change will not impact orders placed for Point of Care Rapid Strep Screens.

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