Memorandum – Outreach Labs #1

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Subject: Change to Urinalysis with Reflex Culture Criteria

Effective on 1/16/2026, the criteria for culture reflex for Urinalysis with Reflex (LAB5187) has been updated at Eastowne Medical Office Building, Chatham Park Medical Office Building and Raleigh Children's laboratory. The new culture reflex criteria are as follows:

- WBC >=10
- Positive nitrite
- Positive leukocyte esterase
- Pregnant patients
- Patients with an ANC less than 500 in the last 7 days
- Patients less the 3 months old

This change is to harmonize with UNCMC and Hillsborough Campus, who adopted these standard criteria in 2024.

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