



MEMORANDUM #173

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

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SUBJECT: **Change in UNCH McLendon Clinical Laboratories Reporting of Urine Cultures**

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Effective September 11th, 2017, the UNCH McLendon Clinical Laboratories will implement a change to the reporting of urine cultures. Urines will now be reported with quantification ranges rather than specific CFU/mL. This change in reporting will in no way effect decisions in the laboratory regarding when to perform susceptibility testing on isolates. The updated reporting will be as follows:

- < 10,000 CFU/mL
- 10,000-50,000 CFU/mL
- 50,000-100,000 CFU/mL *
- > 100,000 CFU/mL

*Cultures found to have 50,000 CFU/mL will be reported as 50,000-100,000 CFU/mL.

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