

UPDATE TO URINALYSIS TESTING AND REPORTING

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Effective February 15, 2016, PathGroup will be implementing the following procedure for all Urinalysis testing in an effort to improve the turnaround times as well as to better manage healthcare costs.

The microscopic review of urinalysis specimens with negative dipstick results will be discontinued effective February 15, 2016.

Urinalysis specimens demonstrating the following degrees of positive dipstick results will continue to have the microscopic review completed:

	LEUKOCYTE ESTERASE	NITRITES	PROTEIN	BLOOD	APPEARANCE
RESULTS	Trace, 1+, 2+, 3+	Any degree of Positivity	1+, 2+, 3+	Any degree of Positivity	Slightly Cloudy, Cloudy, Bloody, Turbid
MICROSCOPIC PERFORMED?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

ORDERING INFORMATION:

Existing test names have been updated to reflect the change noted above; however, all ordering test codes will remain the same.

TEST CODE	TEST NAME	CPT CODE(S)
UA	Urinalysis, w/Reflex to Microscopic	81003 (if dipstick only is performed), 81001 (when microscopic is reflexed)
UMAC	Urinalysis, Chemical/Macroscopic Only	81003
UMIC	Urinalysis, Microscopic Only	81015

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