

News

Clinical Laboratory Test Update

UH Urine Culture (LAB239) Specimen Storage Update

Effective immediately, the University of Colorado Hospital Microbiology Laboratory will accept add-on culture orders for **outpatient** urine specimens that are collected in the grey-top urine tubes (also known as “Urine culture tubes with preservative” [1230300059] in Beaker) for up to 48 hours after collection. Any add-on cultures set up more than 24 hours after collection will have the following comment added to the culture:

“Urine Culture set up at more than 24 hours after sample was collected.”

Inpatient urine specimens collected in a sterile container or a grey-top urine culture tube will still be accepted for add-on cultures up to 24 hours after collection.

The ordering process in Epic is unchanged.

Please call the University of Colorado Hospital Clinical Laboratory Microbiology Department at 720-848-7084 with any questions.

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