

News

Clinical Laboratory Test Update

Candida auris PCR

New Test available in-house at University of Colorado Hospital effective December 1, 2025:

| Test Name | C. auris PCR |
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| Epic order | Ordered by Infection Prevention or upon admission screening |
| Method | Nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) |
| Accepted Specimens | Axilla/groin eSwab [®] |
| | Collect using an eSwab® of the axilla then groin areas using the same swab. |
| Results | Qualitative |
| Performed | Daily |
| Turnaround Time | 24 hours |
| CPT Code(s) | 87798 |

The Candida auris PCR test will be available for the entire UCHealth system. This test will primarily be ordered and used by local Infection Prevention teams on inpatients but is also a part of admission screening and may be automatically ordered for specific patient populations.

The Candida auris PCR is an in vitro qualitative nucleic acid amplification test for the detection of Candida auris DNA from a swab of bilateral axilla/groin from patients suspected of C. auris on the DiaSorin LIAISON® MDX System.

For information about the Clinical Lab's tests, visit your lab's Test Catalog (The Source > Apps > Lab Test Catalog). You can also access University of Colorado Hospital Clinical Laboratory Test Directory at https://www.testmenu.com/universityhospital, which has links to all of the system lab catalogues. If you have any questions or special concerns email them to cara.faliano@uchealth.org or harry.porterfield@cuanschutz.edu