

Urinalysis: Change in Testing Platform

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UR Medicine Labs will be moving to a new urinalysis platform. The AUWi PRO platform combines the urine macroscopic and the automated microscopic components of the urinalysis.

The acceptable sample types for the new urinalysis platform include: a cup of urine or a preserved yellow or red marble top tube.

Gray top tubes used for urine cultures will no longer be acceptable for a urinalysis. The preservative in the gray top tube interferes with the microscopic portion of the urinalysis and may generate incorrect results.

Urine Ethyl Glucuronide (EtG) screening test will be temporarily sent to our reference laboratory. The test cutoff of 500 ng/mL of ethyl glucuronide will remain the same. The turnaround time will be 1-4 days.

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