

**Date:** February 5, 2015  
**To:** Central, North & South Zones, Physicians, Nurses, Laboratory Staff  
**From:** AHS Laboratory Services  
**Re:** Changes to Cyclosporine Test Orders Meditech Zones

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### Key Messages:

- Appropriate interpretation of cyclosporine test results depends on accurate dosing information provided at the time of sample collection.
- To facilitate provision of interpretive comments, test codes and queries (questions) attached to test orders have been standardized.
  - A **new test code** for 2 hour post dose cyclosporine has been created (**CYC2P**).
  - The current test **CYC** for pre-dose/trough) collections remains.

### Why this is important:

- Test orders for cyclosporine can originate from the community or facility settings. Test ordering in Meditech Order Entry and Lab have been synchronized to ask:
  - Administration Route – IV intermittent, Oral or Not provided
  - Length of Regimen – days 1 through 9 or  $\geq 10$  days
  - Date/Time of Last Dose
  - Date/Time of Next Dose
- Paper requisitions in use are Zone based and some do not have a 2 hour post dose choice.

### Action Required:

- Select the appropriate cyclosporine test code (CYC or CYC2P) and always provide the dosing information requested by the laboratory.
- If a 2 hour post dose cyclosporine level is required and a paper requisition is used that does not have a 2 hour post dose choice, write “**2 hour post dose cyclosporine**” in the area provided for free text information.
- If there is no indication from the order that the sample is a 2 hour post dose, a trough collection will be assumed.

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