

Date: January 28, 2019
To: Central Zone Nurses Managers/Educators/Laboratories
From: AHS Laboratory Services
Re: Urine Toxicology Testing

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Key Message:

- New test codes have been created in Meditech for opioid dependency and urine general toxicology testing to be referred from sites in Central Zone to AHS Edmonton. The test codes to be used for these tests are **UODP** and **UGTP** respectively.
- A change in testing processes for urine toxicology at the referral site has necessitated the need to revise processes in Central Zone.
- Collection and sample requirements will remain the same. Testing will be referred to Edmonton via routine referral processes.
- The current processes and **DSUR1** code used at the Red Deer Regional Hospital will remain unchanged.
- This change is effective February 4, 2019 however the EMR ID for these codes will not be activated until after implementation of the Meditech Priority Pak. This means that results for the UODP and UGTP will not appear in the EMR for the time being so providers will need to consult Netcare for results.
- The following test codes have been revised in LAB and OE:

Test Name	New Test Code
Amphetamine Screen, Urine	UGTP
Barbiturate Screen, Urine	UGTP
Benzodiazepine Screen, Urine	UGTP
Cannabis Metabolite Screen, Urine	UGTP
Cocaine Metabolite Screen, Urine	UGTP
Opiate Screen, Urine – General	UGTP
Opioid Screen, Urine – Opioid Dependency	UODP***
Oxycodone Screen, Urine	UGTP
Methadone Screen, Urine	UGTP
Tricyclic Screen, Urine	UGTP
Fentanyl, Urine	UGTP



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*****Requests for the Opioid Dependency panel will be indicated on the requisition. Sites currently referring testing for Opioid Dependency to the Alberta Centre for Toxicology will continue to follow current processes. Urine general toxicology testing will be ordered when the request is not part of an Opioid Dependency Program.**

Why this is important:

- This change only impacts requests currently going to AHS Edmonton. The current processes for testing performed at all other sites remains unchanged.
- Until the EMR ID is activated, results for both UGTP and UODP will not be in the EMR. Clinicians and Nursing Staff will need to check Netcare before concluding that testing is not complete.

Action Required:

- Ensure staff are aware of and use the new test panel codes if indicated on the requisition.

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

- Alberta Health Services Edmonton Zone Guide to Laboratory Services
- Connie Oosterhoff, Laboratory Technologist II-Quality Assurance, Red Deer Regional Hospital 403-309-6179

This bulletin has been reviewed and approved by:

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