

**Date:** February 26, 2013

**To:** South Zone  
Physicians, Nursing Unit Managers, Clinic Managers, Laboratory Staff

**From:** AHS Laboratory Services – South Zone

**Re:** Discontinuation of Stool and Urine Reducing Substance

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**Key Messages:**

- As of February 25, 2013 – testing for Urine Reducing Substances and Fecal Reducing Substances is discontinued. The testing tablets (CliniTest) are no longer being manufactured by Bayer HealthCare due to lack of demand.
- Alternative testing is available at Alberta Children’s Hospital (ACH) or the University of Alberta Hospital (UAH) as listed in the table below. Turnaround times will be extended up to two weeks.
- Alberta Children’s Hospital has restricted stool reducing substances to pediatric gastroenterology inpatients.

**Action Required:**

If ...	Then order ...
Galactosemia suspected (ACH)	Serum Galactosemia Screen (G1PUT)
Sugar Identification is required (UAH) A) Urine – Pentosuria or Fructosuria B) Stool – Sucrose or Lactose deficiency	A) Sugar Identification, Urine (SUGIDUR) B) Sugar Identification, Stool (SUGIDSTL)
Urine Reducing Substance Test as a part of a Qualitative Metabolic Screen (ACH)	Metabolic Screen, Urine (METSUR)

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