



Laboratory Technical Bulletin

URGENT

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Effective Date: February 8, 2019

Title: Temporary Discontinuation of in-house Testing for Body Fluid Crystal Analysis

Test: Body Fluid Crystal Analysis

Explanation of change: In-house testing of Body Fluid Crystals is **temporarily** suspended due to an inoperable microscope. Samples will be sent to Mayo Clinical Laboratories for testing.

NOTE: Specimen type for Mayo Clinic Laboratories is an EDTA tube.

	Old	New
<i>Perform Site</i>	CMC laboratory	Mayo Clinic Laboratories
<i>Method</i>	Polarized Microscopy	Polarized Microscopy
<i>Test Code</i>	BFCRY	SFC
<i>Reference Range</i>	No Crystals Seen	No Crystals Seen
<i>Specimen</i>	Fluid in red top sterile container	Fluid in lavender (EDTA) tube
<i>Volume Required</i>	Minimal 4 mLs	Minimal 0.5 mLs
<i>Turnaround time</i>	24 hours	72 hours

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