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Notice of Change in Urine Drug Screen Testing

Date Effective: August 21, 2017

Service Change to Urine Drug Screen Testing:

As of **August 21st** urine screening for ethanol or barbiturates will no longer be available. The discontinuation of urine ethanol is in keeping with best practice, as plasma ethanol is the appropriate test to correlate intoxication symptoms with ethanol consumption and levels. Barbiturates screening has been discontinued as it is an infrequently encountered drug in overdosing and patients are managed symptomatically in supportive care for overdose. Hence, barbiturate screening is no longer integral within the panel of urine drugs of abuse testing.

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