




MEMORANDUM

To: All UNC REX Healthcare Outreach Providers/Affiliates and Patient Care Units

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Subject: Urine Eosinophils

Effective Sept. 5, 2022, the test Eosinophil Examination in Urine will be removed from the test menu and no longer be offered at UNC REX Hospitals.

This decision is in recognition of studies and data concluding that the urine eosinophil count stain has poor performance in the exclusion or diagnosis of drug-induced acute interstitial nephritis.

Instead examining urine, we favor a detailed review of the urinary sediment by Nephrology consultation service for the evaluation of possible acute interstitial nephritis. Kidney biopsy remains the definitive diagnostic test for confirmation of AIN.

Questions can be directed to Rex Main Lab at 919-784-6000, option 4.