

Client Memo

To: Wake Forest Baptist Health Outreach Clients
Date: November 4, 2015
Re: New Test to Measure Urine Albumin

On November 4, 2015, the Clinical Laboratory will begin using a new test for measuring albumin levels in urine. The new test will appear in CareEvolve as **Albumin Urine** (test code **UALB**).

- The new test will replace the current urine microalbumin test (UMALB).
- The urine albumin measuring units, concentrations and calculations will not change.
- The lowest concentration reported will change from 5 mg/L to 7 mg/L.

The Clinical Laboratory is switching to a new test method for measuring urine albumin. The test is being changed because the test supplier has replaced the old test reagent for a new test that has an extended analytical range and increased tolerance to extremely high albumin levels.

Recommendations

- Submit urine samples per previous requirements.
- Order the appropriate urine albumin assay, **UALB** on the Care Evolve laboratory order list.

If you have any questions related to this test change, please contact the Core Laboratory at 716-2610.