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.