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Urine Drug Screening Update

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UR Medicine Central Laboratory will discontinue urine Phencyclidine (UPCP) and urine ethanol (UETOH) screening.

As PCP is not prevalent in our community, this test will be removed from the urine drug panel UCDS9 and will not be offered as an individual test.

The Central Lab will continue to provide urine ethyl glucuronide (UETG) testing, in lieu of urine ethanol. Ethyl glucuronide remains in the urine for up to 80 hours, whereas ethanol is detectable for only 10-12 hours. Due to the longer detection window, UETG is the recommended screening test.

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