

To: UPHS Physicians and Staff

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Re: **Hemoglobin Identification Testing for Hemoglobinopathies with CBC**

The Hematopathology Laboratory at HUP has evaluated our current process for Hemoglobinopathy testing. A part of this testing requires that we have a concurrent CBC. To ensure that the CBC order is placed, the Penn Chart order "HGB IDENTIFICATION (HGID)" will now say "HGB IDENTIFICATION (HGID) with CBC." We have also built rules with this order so that a duplicate CBC order is not placed.

Please continue using the same order (Px code: C2001597) in Penn Chart, and follow the same process of sending the peripheral blood specimen to the Laboratory. All orders placed starting April 26, 2022, will automatically place the CBC testing. For details about specimen collection, transport, and result interpretation, refer to the Laboratory Test Services Guide, available through the [Penn Medicine Intranet](#).

If you need any further clarification of this testing change, please contact Darrin Jengehino, Supervisor of the Hematopathology Laboratory, for assistance at either darrin.jengehino@pennmedicine.upenn.edu or 267-662-6196.