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Re: NEW PennChart Orderable: Identity Testing

Identity testing by PCR is performed in the Molecular Pathology Laboratory for a variety of indications, including molar pregnancy evaluations on products of conception (POC). In some cases, an additional sample such as maternal blood from the patient is requested by the laboratory to complete the testing. Until now, there was no way to order this additional sample in PennChart.

A new PennChart orderable, IDENTITY TESTING (ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN), is now available for add-on specimens for Identity Testing by PCR. If more than one additional specimen is submitted, a separate test order should be submitted for each additional specimen.

When the samples have been received in the laboratory the original order will be completed, a notification will be filed stating that the specimens have been received by the lab, and a new order, IDENTITY TESTING [MPIDCASE], will be created. Once all testing has been completed the final report will be filed under the IDENTITY TESTING [MPIDCASE] order.

Of note, the initial ordering process for evaluation of molar pregnancy on POC as “PENN Precision Medicine Testing GYN” in PennChart is not affected by the new orderable for “IDENTITY TESTING (ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN)”. The additional specimen order should only be used if a request is initiated by the laboratory for an existing Identity Testing case.

Additional Information: Consult the [Lab Tests Services Guide](#) for ordering information and specimen requirements.

To contact Molecular Pathology Laboratory, call 215-615-3094 weekdays during regular business hours.