

UNITYPOINT HEALTH - MERITER LABORATORIES
TEST ANNOUNCEMENT

Specimen Type Change for Procalcitonin & Quantitative HCG Testing

06/25/2025

Effective **7/16/2025**, UPH-Meriter Laboratories will be changing the preferred specimen type for Procalcitonin and Quantitative HCG testing to Serum in accordance with manufacturer guidelines to prevent carryover.

Specimen Type Changes:

Current Lab Order	SQ Code	EAP	Current preferred specimen type	New preferred specimen type
Procalcitonin	PROCLT	LAB2677	PST ; Lithium Heparin Plasma (green top)	SST ; Serum (gold top)
HCG, Quantitative	HCGQNT	LAB143	PST ; Lithium Heparin Plasma (green top)	SST ; Serum (gold top)
HCG, Tumor marker	HCGT	LAB752	PST ; Lithium Heparin Plasma (green top)	SST ; Serum (gold top)

Please refer to the online Meriter Test Menu for up-to-date reference ranges and specimen requirements.

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(Please note new testing details will not be visible in the test catalog until go-live on 7/9/2025)

If you have any questions, please call the UnityPoint Health - Meriter Laboratories
Client Services Department at 608-417-6529 or 1-800-236-0465.