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Strep B Testing – Culture

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Due to reagent backorders from the manufacturer, Meriter Laboratories will be unable to perform Group B PCR testing on the BD Max instrument. The alternate method of Group B Strep Cultures will be performed. Turn Around Time for culture is 24 to 48 hours.

There are no changes to the ordering practice for testing. The lab will result the PCR test as NOTP (Test Not Performed), which will reflex the Group B Strep Culture. Please allow 24 to 48 hours for result.

This does not impact STAT testing that is required for patients actively in labor.

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