

**UNITYPOINT HEALTH - MERITER LABORATORIES**  
**TEST ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Removal of African American Reference values for eGFR**

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Effective on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meriter Laboratories will remove race from eGFR formula. This change is driven upon internal review by The Laboratory/Pathology Clinical Service Group and active discussions in health care and medical education about racial disparities affecting healthcare outcomes.

This recommendation is based on weighing the marginal benefit to precision of GFR calculation with the use of the CKD-Epi equation, versus the potential harm of under-estimating kidney damage, especially given the often-arbitrary assignment of race to an individual.

Current display name in Epic	New display name in Epic
EGFR NON-AFR/AMER	EST GFR

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