

UNITYPOINT HEALTH - MERITER LABORATORIES
TEST ANNOUNCEMENT
Strep B (GBS) STAT DNA

10/09/2025

Due to a change in manufacturer's test kit formulation and guidelines, reporting and age limitations for the Strep B STAT DNA will change, effective 10/13/2025. Reporting will change from Negative to Presumptive Negative. Presumptive Negative results will still reflex molecular GBS testing with an enrichment step. There are no changes in the reporting of positive results. The specimen collection is the same, except the specimen stability is now 24 hours.

There will no longer be STAT testing available for patients under 14 years of age due to the new kit's limitations. If GBS testing is needed for patients under 14 years of age, then the Strep B (GBS) DNA Screen can be ordered.

	Current In-House Test	Current Report	New Report
Test Name	Strep B (GBS) STAT DNA Test		
Epic EAP	LAB1371	Not Detected	Presumptive Negative
SQ Code	ZGBSGX		

	Current Test for <14	New Test for <14
Test Name	Strep B (GBS) STAT DNA Test	Strep B (GBS) DNA Screen
Epic EAP	LAB1371	LAB1377
SQ Code	ZGBSGX	ZGBSSC

Strep B (GBS) STAT DNA Test

Epic/SQ Order Code: LAB1371/ZGBSGX

Performing Laboratory: Meriter Laboratories

Methodology: Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR)

Specimen Requirements: Vaginal/Rectal Swab in BBL Culture Swab Collection and Transport System.

Specimen Handling and Transport: 2-25°C up to 24 hours.

Turnaround Time: 4 hours, Monday-Sunday

CPT Code: 87653

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