



Dear Providers

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Preferred Lab Partners (core lab at St.Elizabeth) will modify its reporting for Albumin/Creatinine Ratio (ACR).

EPIC has released a new calculator based on the Kidney Failure Risk Equation (KFRE), which utilizes ACR as an input value.

Currently, when the urine albumin value is below our measuring range (<12.0 mg/L) no value is reported for the ACR. In an analysis of 1256 ACR results, 633 (50%) did not have a value for the ACR due to urine albumin <12.0 mg/L, which impacts the utility of the KFRE. The change will now report an ACR of <20 mg/g when urine albumin is <12.0 mg/L and urine creatinine is a value > 60 mg/dL. In instances when urine creatinine is ≤ 60 mg/dL, no value will be reported for ACR as there is a possibility the calculated ACR could be greater than 20 mg/g. Analyzing the same 1256 ACR results, only 190 (15%) would not have a value for ACR with this change.

In addition, the component name "Microalbumin" has been changed to "Urine Albumin" to align with the recommendations from the National Kidney Foundation.

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