Reducing Substances - Urine and Stool to be Discontinued

In recent years the availability of Clinitest tablets, used for testing for reducing substances in urine and stool (PRISM Code: LAB19 and Order Code: STLPHR), and Ictotest tablets, used for testing abnormally colored urines for bilirubin, has been extremely reduced such that a reliable supply is not available. Although a supply of the tablets has been obtained on Amazon, this will not be sufficient to last more than a few months. There is no alternative readily available testing system. Therefore tests for urine and stool reducing substances and the alternative test for bilirubin in urine will be discontinued on November 15, 2016. Alternative tests are available from Mayo Medical Laboratories, Test 9255: Carbohydrate, Urine and Test URED: Reducing Substances, Feces but there will be a significant increase in turnaround time. There is no replacement for the alternative urine bilirubin testing, but this was used very rarely and not directly orderable.

Stool pH will still be available in our Chemistry Laboratory with the same ordering information (Test code: STLPH, PRISM Code: LAB3649).

If you have any questions concerning this change, please contact Dr. Greg Sharp (gregory.sharp@uvmhealth.org) in the Chemistry Laboratory.