

# CHEMISTRY TESTING UPDATE

## EFFECTIVE MARCH 24, 2020 CHEMISTRY INSTRUMENTATION UPDATES

**Effective MARCH 24, 2020**, Wisconsin Diagnostic Laboratories (WDL) will replace aging instruments in the Chemistry laboratory with new instruments. These updates are anticipated to provide higher capacity for clinical testing and fewer instrument downtimes.

With a few minor exceptions, providers will not experience changes in test availability or result reporting due to these updates. Exceptions are noted here:

- **Hepatitis testing:**
  - Reporting of hepatitis results (applicable to all hepatitis A, B, and C testing) has been updated to ensure that clinically actionable results are flagged as abnormal and to provide additional interpretive information.
  
- **Urine drug testing:**
  - Urine methadone testing has been updated to detect the methadone metabolite EDDP rather than methadone itself. This update ensures positive methadone test results are due to ingestion of methadone and not addition of methadone to a urine sample (i.e., adulteration).
  - Urine drug testing will now include an assessment of urine specimen validity. If laboratory results suggest a sample may have been diluted or substituted, the report will note this concern.

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