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Re:

- **Addition of Urine THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) screening to “Drugs of Abuse, Urine, Stat” testing panel**
- **Addition of Urine fentanyl screening to “Drug Screen with Reflex Confirmation, Drugs of Abuse, Urine” testing panel**
- **Removal of creatinine test from “Fentanyl, Urine, Stat”**

Dear Colleagues,

Effective: Wednesday, October 4th, there will be changes to urine drug testing at VCUHS.

Due to the changing regulatory environment in Virginia around THC and ongoing fentanyl epidemic, there has been an increase in ED visits attributed to these drugs. To facilitate consistency and ease of use, all in-house urine drug screening panels will now include fentanyl and THC tests.

Single urine drug screening orders do not require creatinine measurement because there is minimal risk that a urine sample is diluted. Urine drug screening panels will continue to include creatinine to assist in identification of potential urine dilution.

Please contact Grace Williams at grace.r.williams@vcuhealth.org with any questions or concerns.

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