

**UNITYPOINT HEALTH - MERITER LABORATORIES**  
**TEST ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Norovirus Reporting and Confirmatory Testing**

3/14/2025

Starting 3/24/2025, Meriter Lab will no longer report positive Norovirus results from the Stool PCR Panel. Positive results will be changed to Indeterminate with the following comment appended: “Due to concern for false positive rates for Norovirus, reported by vendor as high as 46%, confirmatory testing can be requested by contacting the laboratory”. Indeterminant results will not be called to the provider and negative results will report as normal. If clinically indicated, place a miscellaneous lab order, and call lab to alert them to order the Norovirus PCR performed by the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene.

	<b>In-House Test</b>	<b>Send out Test</b>
<b>Test Name</b>	Expanded Stool PNL-Positive Norovirus Only	Norovirus PCR
<b>Epic EAP</b>	LAB5043	Lab Order Only
<b>SQ Code</b>	STLPCR	ZNVPC

**Norovirus PCR**

**SQ Order Code:** ZNVPC

**Performing Laboratory:** WSLH

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

**Specimen Requirements:** Stool in transport media

**Specimen Handling and Transport:** Refrigerated

**Turnaround Time:** 1-4 days, Monday-Friday

**CPT Code:** 87798 x 2

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