



Laboratory Medicine Bulletin

Discontinuation of Miscellaneous Low Volume Tests

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As of January 1, 2018, St. Paul's Hospital Laboratory will no longer be offering the following tests:

- Stool pH
- Stool phosphorus
- Undigested meat fibres in stool
- Urine urobilinogen
- Fat globules in urine
- Gastric occult blood

This will affect both the SPH and MSJ sites. These tests are being discontinued due to the lack of clinical utility of these tests and the correspondingly small volume of orders.

Stool pH and stool phosphorus may rarely be indicated in the case of query factitious diarrhea. Upon consultation with a biochemist, these tests can be sent to BC Children's Hospital for analysis.

Questions and comments regarding this change are welcome and should be directed to Dr. Janet Simons at 604-806-8193.



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