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| <b>Date:</b>      | <b>May 9, 2025</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>To:</b>        | <b>Labor &amp; Delivery Department, Emergency Department</b>                                                                                                 |
| <b>From:</b>      | <b>Dr. Dimitrios Divaris, Medical Director Laboratory Services<br/>and Chief of Pathology<br/>Renee Giroux, Administrative Director, Laboratory Services</b> |
| <b>Regarding:</b> | <b>AmnioTest Point of Care</b>                                                                                                                               |

## Quick Details:

Laboratory Accreditation occurred May 5 thru 7<sup>th</sup> and an assessor identified a Point of Care (POC) test being performed without a laboratory license. Legally, Hospital Medical Laboratories cannot perform or report tests that are not on the Laboratories License.

**Effective immediately**, the use of AmnioTest or any other POCT devices used for the detection/confirmation of amniotic fluid is to be discontinued.

The Laboratory at Midtown can support all testing of fetal fibronectin in cervicovaginal secretions of preterm delivery in symptomatic pregnant women between 24 weeks and 34 weeks, 6 days gestation, and in asymptomatic pregnant women between 22 weeks and 30 weeks, 6 days gestation.

**Please call the Chemistry department at ext. 2740 or 2741 in advance of collecting a Fetal Fibronectin to allow for the lab team to run the QC. This phone call in advance will reduce turnaround time of patient testing. QC runs independently and takes 20 min to perform. Patient testing cannot be performed until the QC is completed and also requires 20 min.**

Next Steps:

1. Please return all POCT kit to Materials Management attention Jason Martin
2. If POCT is still needed, please complete the POCT intake form that is with this communication as a separate attachment.

If you have questions, please reach out to:

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