

## **LAB ALERT: Stool Culture Test Updates**

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Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

In an effort to improve turnaround time and reduce stability issues, we have partnered with a local laboratory for stool culture testing. Effective Monday, 1/25/21, the test code for stool cultures will change from STCAR to STCULT. Pricing will remain unchanged. We hope this will be a seamless and positive transition for our clients.

**Specimen Requirements:** Collect stool in a clean dry container or plastic wrap. IMMEDIATELY transfer sufficient stool to Para-Pak Enteric Plus Transport vial or Cary-Blair media to bring the liquid level to the 'Fill' line or approximately 5 ml of stool sample. Tighten the cap and shake firmly to insure that the specimen is mixed. Rectal swab can be used in infants; fecal material must be present on swab.

Complete test information can be found at:

<https://www.testmenu.com/nebraska/Tests/1090567>

### **Interfaced Clients:**

Please deactivate the STCAR code and replace with STCULT below:

<b>OrderCode</b>	<b>OrderName</b>	<b>ResultCode</b>	<b>ResultName</b>	<b>LOINC</b>	<b>CPT</b>
STCULT	STOOL CULTURE	CRES	CULTURE RESULT	625-4	87045, 87046, 87427

**If you have any questions or issues with these changes, please contact client services at 402-559-6420 and ask to speak with one of the client coordinators.**