

# UPSTATE

## UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Department of Pathology

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To: Medical Staff  
Subject: Buprenorphine Urine Screen only

Date: November 7th, 2019

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- ✚ Buprenorphine (Suboxone) is useful for general screening in contexts of compliance and/or abuse. A screen is the preferred initial step for monitoring or ruling out buprenorphine exposure.
- ✚ To date, Buprenorphine assay in urine is a send-out test at SUNY Upstate Medical Hospital with a turnaround time of approximately 4 days. **Effective November 14th, 2019**, Buprenorphine will be performed in-house at the Upstate Pathology lab with 2 hour turnaround time (**Epic Code: LAB9220**).
- ✚ Please remember that this assay is a preliminary screening test. If the specimen screens positive, all positive results are presumptive and unconfirmed.
- ✚ If confirmation/quantitation by LC-MS/MS is required, this must be ordered by calling the Upstate core lab at 464-4460 within 5 days of sample collection.
- ✚ Please let us know if you need additional information on the testing by email: [alima@upstate.edu](mailto:alima@upstate.edu) or call at #315-464-9175.