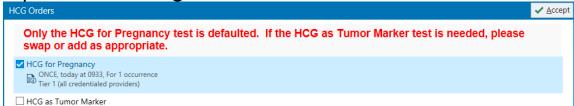
## **βHCG Testing Change**



## APPLIES TO ALL INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT LOCATIONS AT BOTH CAMPUSES

- βHCG levels are measured to test for pregnancy and to monitor for specific tumor recurrence
- Testing is also performed to rule out pregnancy prior to surgery, invasive procedures, or radiology studies
- Due to the recent shortage of iSTAT cartridges used in the OR, ED, and procedure rooms to rule out pregnancy, a new serum immunoassay for intact HCG for Pregnancy will be implemented July 25<sup>th</sup> at both Downtown and Community Campuses to allow for rapid testing
- This rapid test is only FDA approved for pregnancy testing, so the existing total serum βHCG (renamed to **HCG as Tumor Marker**) must be used for tumor monitoring

## Inpatient Ordering:



## Outpatient Ordering:



- βHCG iSTAT assay is still orderable in Epic and will be available once the manufacturer is able to provide functional cartridges
- Urine βHCG testing should NOT be used to rule out pregnancy due to the risk of false-negative resulting in potential hazard to mother and child.

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