

Discontinuation of Strep A Antigen Testing Platform at Select ProMedica Emergency Departments

Notification Date: 4/9/2026
Effective Date: **Immediately**

Test ID: POC14 / POC331

Explanation:

Effective immediately, Point-of-Care Rapid A Strep Antigen testing using the *QuickVue* kits will no longer be performed in the **Emergency Centers at Toledo, Bay Park, Fremont Memorial and Hickman Hospitals** due to potential false-positive test results. ProMedica locations that do not utilize this platform should continue their current testing processes without change.

ALTERNATIVE TESTS:

Strep PCR- Throat

Test ID: LAB2522A

Methodology: PCR / Confirmatory

Specimen Collection: E- Swab (Throat)

Performing Location: Core Laboratory

TAT: Same Day / 1 Day

It is recommended that Strep PCR testing be performed at the Core Laboratory with expected results within a day, and providers use the clinical picture to determine the course of treatment.

Rapid Strep A Screen

Test ID: LAB885

Methodology: Antigen / Screen*

Specimen Collection: E- Swab (Throat)

Performing Location: Fremont Memorial and Hickman Hospitals Only

TAT: 30 mins

*Negative screen automatically reflexes to PCR performed at the Core Laboratory.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we implement this necessary adjustment to ensure accuracy and patient safety.