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To: All DH providers (physicians, associate providers and GME)

Subject: Alternate specimen container for Stool Culture

Starting August 31, 2021 for Stool Culture testing there is an alternate specimen container available for use. Due to manufacturer limitations, there is reduced availability of the stool culture media (orange top with red liquid). The alternate that is available looks similar (green top red liquid), use this the same way as orange top container (fill stool to the fill line).

**Orange top:****Green Top:**

Transport and stability of the specimen remains the same.

For questions concerning this memo, please contact Dr. Isabell Martin at (603) 650-7171.