



**TO:** Physicians, Clinical Managers and Educators at West 5<sup>th</sup> and Charlton Campuses – St. Joseph’s Healthcare, Hamilton

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**RE:** **Changes to Testing for Drugs of Abuse – Addition of Fentanyl**

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A Fentanyl screening test will be added to all orders for Drugs of Abuse Screen. This test will be available through the Charlton Core Laboratory effective Monday, June 13, 2016.

Order mnemonic: UDRUGS

Cut off Limits: 100 ng/mL for Fentanyl  
20 ng/mL for Norfentanyl

Confirmation tests are available and referred out to external laboratories when necessary using the mnemonic UDRUGCONF with the exception of THC confirmation (to be available soon).

Any further enquiries can be directed to Dr. Tony Chetty (ext. 34366) and Dr. Cynthia Balion (ext. 33098).