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# MORNING CMO REPORT

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## Updated Lyme Disease Testing

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Lyme disease testing will be updated on March 28, 2016 in the Clinical Laboratory at the Downtown Campus. Following the manufacturer's recommendation, the first step in the testing, the VIDAS ELISA assay, will change:

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1. IgG and IgM antibodies will be measured and reported in separate assays. (Until now the assay detected them together and was positive if either or both IgG and IgM Lyme antibodies were present.)
  - This might provide more specific information about the disease stage, as IgM antibodies appear earlier.
2. Interpretation:
  - IgG assay reported as: Negative, Positive
  - IgM assay reported as: Negative, Equivocal, Positive
3. Both assays will have recombinant chimeric proteins instead of native antigens as their targets, and will include epitopes from all pathogenic strains (*Borrelia burgdorferi sensu stricto*, *garinii*, *afzelii*).
4. Confirmatory IgM and/or IgG immunoblot testing will be performed based upon the positive result.

### Performance characteristics (VIDAS):

<u>Sensitivity</u>	Lyme IgG	Lyme
IgM		
Stage I (Early localized, single lesion) 1-30 days	49.60%	52.10%
Stage II (Early disseminated, multiple lesions) 1-30 days	83.90%	91.90%
Stage III (Late disseminated)	95.20%	76.20%
<u>Specificity</u>		
Endemic (n=100)	97.0%	88.0%
Non-endemic (n=100)	100.0%	86.0%

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## Upstate Grateful Patients Celebrate National Doctors' Day

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As part of the **Grateful Patient and Family Program**, Upstate Foundation is celebrating **National Doctors' Day on March 30** by inviting patients at Upstate University Hospital to pay tribute to **our doctors** for the extraordinary and compassionate care we provide 365 days-a-year. John McCabe and I participate in this wonderful opportunity to connect with Upstate patients each year by co-signing the Doctors' Day letter that is sent to Upstate patients served in the previous year. In addition to a celebratory banner and signage throughout both the downtown and community campuses, on March 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, Upstate Foundation staff hand-deliver hundreds of compelling handwritten thank you notes from grateful patients with a certificate of appreciation honoring our doctors. Thank you all for making a difference in our patients lives.

## Outstanding Physician Comments

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Each week we receive written comments from our patients regarding the care we provide within the Hospital. Below are this week's comments from grateful patients receiving care on the units and clinics at Upstate:

**Emergency Dept – Community Campus** – Dr. Brenner was so kind.

**Midwifery Clinic – Community** – Dr. Millar is kind and caring.

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