

## New Testing Profile: Anemia Profile

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On May 17<sup>th</sup> the UR Medicine labs will start offering a new anemia profile along with a test interpretation by a laboratory physician. The main purpose of the anemia profile is to perform the most appropriate and directed tests, to eliminate some unnecessary tests, and to provide an interpretation that will, after all, improve patient management. Recommendations for additional needed tests will also be provided.

The anemia profile will group related tests to be done collectively on an algorithm pattern. Testing may not be performed completely and testing will stop once the abnormality has been identified. Laboratory charges will also be billed accordingly.

A new test parameter, Reticulocyte Hemoglobin (RET-He) may be included in the profile. This test is a measurement of the hemoglobin content of the reticulocytes. RET-He indicates cell hemoglobinization, reflecting the quality of the newly produced reticulocytes.

The tube requirement for the anemia profile is one lavender top tube and one SST tube. Complete testing information can be found at: <https://www.testmenu.com/rochester/Tests/753716>

If you have any questions please contact Dr. Refaai or Robert Miller by any of the methods listed above.