

## TEST UPDATE

# Miscellaneous Testing to Mayo Clinic Laboratories & Hard-Coding

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Please do not save Mayo Test IDs as defaults in the Miscellaneous Test, Mayo order on your Epic preference list. This practice is referred to as “hard-coding” and violates lab policy. Rarely ordered send-out tests don’t qualify to be defined in Epic, and are not monitored for changes such as collection requirement updates or discontinuation. Therefore, there could be multiple changes to a test which go unnoticed and subsequently negatively impact patient care. Sometimes these miscellaneous tests reach a volume that qualifies them to be defined. In these instances, there is a valid orderable code that should be used instead of the miscellaneous code. When miscellaneous tests are hard-coded by providers and their patients come into the lab to be drawn, it can result in confusion and incorrect ordering, increasing their patients’ wait times.

When ordering a miscellaneous test performed at Mayo Clinic Laboratories, you only need to enter the Mayo Test ID. A hyperlink to the Mayo Test Catalog, where the Test ID can be found, is available as you order. The orderable is named Miscellaneous Test, Mayo and when selected, you are prompted to enter the Mayo Test ID of the test you want to order.

Orderable Name	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID
Miscellaneous Test, Mayo	LAB2392	MIS	N/A

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The screenshot shows a software interface for adding a test to a preference list. The 'Orderable' field is populated with 'MISCELLANEOUS TEST, MAYO [LAB2392]'. The 'Display Name' is 'Miscellaneous Test, Mayo'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Class' (Lab Collect, Clinic Collect, Lab Collect, External Referral), 'Specimen Type' (Blood, Fluid, Tissue, Feces, Urine, Sputum, Bone Marrow, Swab), and 'Specimen Source' (Blood, Venous, Tissue, Other, Bone Marrow Aspirate, Bone Marrow, Biopsy, Rectal/Anal). A 'Scheduling Instructions' section contains a text area and a toolbar with icons for undo, redo, help, and smart text insertion. At the bottom, there are fields for 'Add Default Questions', 'Client Account Number for Client Billing [106144]', and 'Results Release to Patient'. The 'Add to the end of the list' checkbox is checked. The bottom right corner has 'Accept', 'Accept & New Item', and 'Cancel' buttons.

Because referred tests are constantly updated and changing, **the practice of saving miscellaneous tests with the defaults pre-populated (“hard-coding”) is not allowed.** This practice was solidified and client notification was forwarded in 2018. Any MIS, Mayo orderables that have been “hard-coded” on a client’s preference list will be deleted and, if appropriate, the corresponding defined orderable will be added to the same preference list.

If you have any questions regarding this reminder, please contact the Network Manager of Business Systems and Client Services, Lynn Bryan at [Lynn.Bryan@uvmhealth.org](mailto:Lynn.Bryan@uvmhealth.org).

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