Effective December 5, 2016, the University of Colorado Hospital Clinical Laboratory will discontinue simultaneous testing for deamidated gliaden peptide (DGP) antibodies with tissue transglutaminase (tTG) antibodies on orders for the Celiac Disease Reflex Panel.

Testing guidelines for celiac disease issued by the American College of Gastroenterology recommend testing for DGP antibodies when IgA levels are low and in cases of weakly positive tTG antibodies. For these reasons, DGP antibodies will only be reflexively tested with tTG antibodies after a low IgA result. In cases of weakly positive tTG antibodies, clinicians are advised to follow up when clinically appropriate with additional tests, including DGP antibodies, endomysial antibodies (EMA) and/or HLA testing.

Please call Julie Rosser, MD at 720-848-1551 if you have any questions, or visit our website at https://www.uchealth.org/professionals/Pages/Clinical-Laboratory.aspx for additional information.

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