

In our ongoing commitment to provide our clients with reliable and accurate laboratory services, we will strive to keep you informed of the very latest developments and modifications regarding laboratory supplies, methodologies, regulations, etc.

INSTRUMENTATION CHANGE FOR URINALYSIS TESTING

On January 16, 2012 we will be changing our instrumentation platform for urinalysis testing to the Siemens AUWi Analyzer. The new analyzer allows for both automated macroscopic and microscopic urinalysis. With the analyzer there will be reporting enhancements and reference range updates for some of the analytes. The information below highlights the changes you will see.

Additional Analytes Reported

Epithelial Cells, Hyaline Casts, and Bacteria will always be reported on the following current test codes:

- Urinalysis w/Microscopic Test code: 50050
- Urinalysis, Microscopic Test code: 50100
- Urinalysis, Macro w/Reflex Test code: 50250 (only if microscopic triggered)
- Urinalysis, Comp w/Rflx Culture Test code: 50150

Updated Reference Ranges for Specific Analytes

Test	New Reference Range		Current Reference Range		Units
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
WBC	< 5	< 5	0	0	/hpf
RBC	< 5	< 5	0	0	/hpf
Epithelial Cells	< 10	< 10	None	None	/hpf
Hyaline Casts	< 5	< 5	None	None	/lpf

Specimen requirements, CPT codes or Test Order codes will not change with the new instrumentation platform.

FETAL LUNG MATURITY (FLM)
Test Being Discontinued on 2/1/2012

The Fetal Lung Maturity (FLM) test that is now included in the Fetal Lung Maturity Evaluation (Test code 20550) will no longer be available starting **February 1, 2012**. The FLM test will be replaced with the **Lamellar Body Counts (LBC)**.

New Test Code: 20560
New CPT Code: 83664

Specimen requirements for the testing will not change. As with the FLM test, amniotic fluid specimens containing blood, meconium, or mucous may falsely elevate or decrease results, and are therefore not acceptable for analysis.

METHOTREXATE (26200)
Test Being Discontinued on 2/1/2012

Due to the low volume of Methotrexate testing, we will no longer offer the test locally starting **February 1, 2012**. The testing will be referred to Mayo Medical Laboratories. Please refer to the test and specimen requirement information below:

Test Name: Methotrexate, Serum
Test Code: 90044
CPT Code: 83520

Specimen Requirements:
 1.0 mL serum from a **red-top** tube. **Send refrigerated in an amber vial to protect from light.** Minimum volume: 0.5 mL serum.

Days Test Performed: Daily

PMS/NLL COMBINED WEBSITE


We're pleased to announce that effective February 1st Pathology Medical Services and Nebraska LabLinc will launch our new combined website. This new website will allow us to communicate more effectively as well as provide the foundation for future enhancements to better serve our clients.

So what does this mean to you as the end user? Although both current website URLs will still exist (<http://www.pmspc.org> and <http://www.lablinc.com>), navigating to pages from the home page will direct you to the new combined website. This means that any bookmarks and/or shortcuts that users have saved in their web browsers

or on their desktops will need to be updated. We will be sending out flyers over the next month with detailed instructions on how to update both bookmarks and shortcuts. This flyer will also be available on the current website during the transition period.

Beginning February 1, any bookmarks and/or shortcuts you have will still work. However, it is important that you update those bookmarks and shortcuts to the new addresses, as the old locations will become unavailable after the transition period of approximately 30 days.

For any questions or concerns you have please contact the IT Help Line at (402) 465-1976.

		<h3>Test Directory Revisions – January 2012</h3>			
Test #	Revised CPTs	Previous CPTs	* Additional CPTs will be billed when appropriate	Description	Comment
90780		80299		Clomipramine (Anafranil) - Serum (M80902)	Obsolete eff 12-12-11
90353		86305		HE4 (M57164)	Fee Increase
26200		80299		Methotrexate	Discontinued; Replace with 90044
90044	83520			Methotrexate (M8721)	
99346	83704, 80061	83704, 82465		NMR Lipoprofile (M91959)	CPT Change
99645		83925x2		Oxycodone Urine (MT688)	Deleted; Use 93257
93257	82542			Oxycodone Confirmation (MT688)	Replacement for 99645
99540		83520x5, 88347x2		PROMETHEUS IBD Serology 7 (M91641)	Obsolete eff 12-2-11; Use 90012
90012	82397x3, 83520x8, 83896x8, 83898x4, 83907, 83912, 86140, 88347x2			Prometheus IBD SGI Diag (M90585)	Replacement for 99540
93060		83520x10		SensoriMotor Neuropathy Prof-Complete (ATH287)	Fee Change
99227	86780	86592	*	Syphilis Antibody IgG Ab w/Rflx RPR (M81814)	CPT Change
99673		83900, 83901x2, 83909x2		T Cell Gene Rearrangement by PCR (M83038)	Obsolete eff 11-1-2011; Replace with 90025
90025	83900, 83901x4, 83909x6			T Cell Gene Rearrangement by PCR (M83038)	Replacement for 99673

CPT codes provided are for informational purposes only. CPT coding is the responsibility of the billing party. For further reference consult the CPT Coding Manual or your local Medicare carrier.

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