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Monday, October 17, 2016

Test Updates

Immediate Action

In our continuing effort to provide you with the highest quality toxicology laboratory services available, we have compiled important changes regarding a number of tests we perform. Listed below are the types of changes that may be included in this notification, effective Monday, October 17, 2016

Test Changes - Tests that have had changes to the method/ CPT code, units of measurement, scope of analysis, reference comments, or specimen requirements.

Discontinued Tests - Tests being discontinued with alternate testing suggestions.

Please use this information to update your computer systems/records. These changes are important to ensure standardization of our mutual laboratory databases.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this notification, please call our Client Support Department at (866) 522-2206. Thank you for your continued support of NMS Labs and your assistance in implementing these changes.

The CPT Codes provided in this document are based on AMA guidelines and are for informational purposes only. NMS Labs does not assume responsibility for billing errors due to reliance on the CPT Codes listed in this document.



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Test Code	Test Name	Test Name	Method / CPT Code	Specimen Req.	Stability	Scope	Units	Reference Comments	Discontinue
2055SP	Ethylene Glycol Overexposure Profile, Serum/Plasma			•	•				
3250SP	Oxalate, Serum/Plasma			•	•				
3250U	Oxalate, Urine			•	•				



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Test Changes

2055SP Ethylene Glycol Overexposure Profile, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements (Transport Temperature) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Special Handling) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed.
Stability was changed.

Specimen Requirements: 4 mL Serum or Plasma
Transport Temperature: Frozen
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: Serum: Collect sample in Red top tube
Plasma: Collect sample in Green top tube (Sodium Heparin)
Promptly centrifuge with refrigeration and separate Serum or Plasma into chilled plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines. Freeze immediately and ship with dry ice.
Ascorbic acid at very high concentration (exceeding 51 mcmol/mL plasma) can interfere. It is recommended that patients refrain from taking excessive amounts of vitamin C or vitamin C rich food for at least 48 hours prior to collection.
Rejection Criteria: Received Room Temperature. Received Refrigerated. Gray top tube (Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate). Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).
Stability: Room Temperature: Not Stable
Refrigerated: 1 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 7 day(s)

3250SP Oxalate, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements (Transport Temperature) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Special Handling) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed.
Stability was changed.

Specimen Requirements: 2 mL Serum or Plasma
Transport Temperature: Frozen
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: Serum: Collect sample in Red top tube
Plasma: Collect sample in Green top tube (Sodium Heparin)
Promptly centrifuge with refrigeration and separate Serum or Plasma into chilled plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines. Freeze immediately and ship with dry ice.
Ascorbic acid at very high concentration (exceeding 51 mcmol/mL plasma) can interfere. It is recommended that patients refrain from taking excessive amounts of vitamin C or vitamin C rich food for at least 48 hours prior to collection.
Rejection Criteria: Received Room Temperature. Received Refrigerated. Gray top tube (Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate). Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).



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Stability: Room Temperature: Not Stable
Refrigerated: 1 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 7 day(s)

3250U Oxalate, Urine

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements (Special Handling) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed.
Stability was changed.

Specimen Requirements: 3 mL Urine
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: Collect 24-hour urine specimen in a glass or plastic bottle containing 10 mL concentrated hydrochloric acid. Record the volume in liters.
Ascorbic acid at very high concentration (exceeding 16 mcmol/mL urine) can interfere. It is recommended that patients refrain from taking excessive amounts of vitamin C or vitamin C rich food for at least 48 hours prior to collection.
Rejection Criteria: None
Stability: Room Temperature: 14 day(s)
Refrigerated: 14 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 3 month(s)