IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING MOLECULAR TESTING

Molecular testing is a valuable tool in the evaluation and personalized treatment of patients with malignancies and inherited conditions. Molecular tests may be ordered by the client, or may be generated as a result of a consultation. Many third party payers have instituted stringent requirements that the insurance company provide PRIOR AUTHORIZATION for testing your patients with these important tests.

MLabs seeks to partner our clients and our patients in achieving this PRIOR AUTHORIZATION. While many insurers required that the physician ordering the test apply for this PRIOR AUTHORIZATION, MLabs has worked to receive special exceptions that allow MLabs to submit the PRIOR AUTHORIZATION request on you and your patient’s behalf (in most instances) so that this testing can be authorized, performed, and reimbursed without significant delay or copayment required from our patients.

Effective September 4, 2018, MLabs will require that all requests for molecular tests are accompanied by a Molecular Diagnostic Clinical History Form AND a recent pathology report, clinic encounter or medical genetics consultation. MLabs will process the patient’s specimen to ensure stability of the specimen but may HOLD the specimen and NOT complete the test until all information for PRIOR AUTHORIZATION is received.

Please refer to our web page at http://mlabs.umich.edu/client-services/prior-authorization/ or contact MLabs at 800-862-7284 for more information.

Thank you, as always, for entrusting your patients to MLabs.

REFLEX TEST CHANGE

Lipid Panel
Order Code: LIPID
CPT Code: 80061
Fee Code: 20912

LDL Cholesterol (Direct)
Order Code: DLDL
CPT Code: 83721
Fee Code: 20918

Effective August 21, 2018, Direct LDL (DLDL) testing will reflexively ordered and performed only when the triglyceride value in a LIPID panel is >400 mg/dL and <3,000 mg/dL. Currently DLDL is reflexively ordered on LIPID panels with all triglyceride results >400 mg/dL due to calculated LDL results being inaccurate at these triglycerides levels. The MLabs Chemistry Laboratory has found the Direct LDL assay to be inaccurate when the triglyceride level is >3,000 mg/dL.
The result comment for the calculated LDL associated with >400 mg/dL triglyceride results will be updated as follows:

“Calculated LDL-C value is inaccurate when triglyceride concentration is greater than 400 mg/dL. Direct LDL measurement is inaccurate when triglyceride concentration is 3,000 mg/dL or greater. A Direct LDL test will be performed when the triglyceride is greater than 400 mg/dL and less than 3,000 mg/dL.”

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 10, 2018

**REVISED TEST ORDERING OPTIONS**

**Influenza Virus by PCR**
Order Code: PCRFL
CPT Code: 87502
Fee Code: 40085

**Respiratory Syncytial Virus by PCR**
Order Code: PCRRV
CPT Code: 87634
Fee Code: SA005

**Respiratory Viruses by PCR**
Order Code: PCRSC
CPT Code: 87631
Fee Code: 10387

Effective September 10, 2018, Influenza Virus by PCR (Influenza A and B) and Respiratory Syncytial Virus by PCR (RSV) will no longer be orderable as separate tests. We are making this change because our instrumentation only allows us to run all three analytes together (Influenza A, Influenza B, and RSV). The Respiratory Viruses by PCR assay includes all three analytes and will remain available.