NOTICE DATE: December 12, 2018

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 26, 2018

STORAGE TEMPERATURE CHANGE

Cyclic Citrullinated Antibody
Order Code: CCP
CPT: 86200
Fee Code: 20560

Effective November 26, 2018, the specimen handling for the Cyclic Citrullinated Antibody (CCP) has changed. The preferred offsite collection is no longer frozen. The methodology and reference range have not changed.

Collection Instructions: Collect approximately 1 ml of whole blood in a serum separator tube (SST), centrifuge and aliquot the serum into a plastic vial and refrigerate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 27, 2018

NEW TEST ORDERABLE

Candida Antibody, Serum
Order Code: CANAB
CPT Code: 86628 x3
Fee Code: 32066 x3
Reference Lab: Quest Valencia

Effective November 27, 2018, MLabs has built an orderable test code for Candida Antibody testing being sent to Quest Valencia, due to May Medical Laboratories discontinuation of the Candida antibody Panel testing. The reference range for the test is IgA,1.0; IgG <1.0; IgM <1.0, by the means of ELISA.

Collection Instructions: Collect approximately 3.0 mL of whole blood in a SST vacutainer. The blood should be centrifuged and the serum aliquoted in a plastic vial. Specimen needs to be shipped refrigerated. The specimen MUST be labeled whether the sample is acute or convalescent.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 27, 2018

REFERENCE RANGE CHANGE

Hexagonal Phospholipid Neutralization
Order Code: HEXAG
CPT: 85598
Fee Code: 36566

Effective November 27, 2018, the reference range for HEXAG has changed from NEG to 8.0 to NEG to 9.0 (inclusively).
EFFECTIVE DATE: December 5, 2018

NEW TEST

Chromosomal Microarray Analysis for Melanoma, Tumor
Order Code: MDPAT
CPT: 81406
Fee Code: TA001

Effective December 5, 2018, MLabs Dermatopathology Molecular Testing Laboratory will be offering an expansion of their current testing catalog to include tumor samples types for the Chromosomal Microarray Analysis for Melanoma.

Collection Instructions: Submit a formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) block containing tumor tissue (preferred specimen). If a block is not available submit 10 FFPE unstained sections at 10-micron thickness on regular slides, unbaked and one regular H&E obtained as serial sections; store at room temperature.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 5, 2018

NEW TEST

Dermatopathology FISH for Malignancy
Order Code: MDPFS
CPT: 88365-TC, 88365-26
Fee Code: TA004

Effective December 5, 2018, MLabs Dermatopathology Molecular Testing Laboratory will be offering an expansion of their current testing catalog to include single probe for the FISH in addition to the current multi-probe option.

Collection Instructions: Submit a formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) block containing tumor tissue (preferred specimen). If a block is not available submit 3 FFPE unstained sections at 4-micron thickness placed on electrostatic-coated slides, unbaked and one regular H&E obtained as serial sections; store at room temperature.
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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 17, 2018

NEW TEST ORDERABLE

**Old Test**

**Bicarbonate, Urine**
Order Code: UCO3
Fee Code: 20488
Reference Lab: Mayo FBIU (90357) (NMS 0645U)

**New Test**

**Bicarbonate, Urine**
Order Code: FBIUR
Fee Code: 20488
Reference Lab: Mayo FBIUR (NMS 0645U)

Effective December 17, 2018, test order code FBIUR will replace UCO3 for Bicarbonate, Urine forwarded to NMS Laboratories. There will be no change to the fee for this assay.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 17, 2018

NEW TEST ORDERABLE

**Old Test**

**Digitoxin, Serum**
Order Code: DGTX
Fee Code: 32075
Reference Lab: Mayo FDIGS (91454) (NMS 1613SP)

**New Test**

**Digitoxin, Serum**
Order Code: FDGTX
Fee Code: pending
Reference Lab: Mayo FDGTX (NMS 1613SP)

Effective December 17, 2018, test order code FDGTX will replace DGTX for Digitoxin, Serum forwarded to NMS Laboratories. There will be no change to the fee for this assay.
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NEW REFERENCE LAB

Old Test

HIV-1 and HIV-2 Antibody Confirmation and Differentiation, Serum
Order Code: HIVDI
CPT Code: 86701, 86702
Reference Lab: Mayo HIVDI

New Test

HIV-1 and HIV-2 Antibody Confirmation and Differentiation, Serum
Order Code: HIVCM
CPT Code: 87389 with reflex to 86701, 86702, 87535
Fee Code: pending
Reference Lab: Quest Valencia

Effective December 17, 2018, MLabs will be implementing a new order code for testing to Quest Valencia, due to May Medical Laboratories discontinuation of the HIV-1 and HIV-2 Antibody Confirmation and Differentiation, Serum (HVDI) testing. The reference range for the test is non-reactive, by the means of immunoassay.

If HIV Antigen and Antibody, 4th Generation Screen is Repeatedly Reactive, HIV-1/2 Antibody Differentiation will be performed at an additional charge (CPT 86701, 86702). If HIV-1/2 Antibody Differentiation is Indeterminate or Negative, HIV-1 RNA, Qualitative, TMA will be performed at an additional charge (CPT 87535).

Collection Instructions: Collect approximately 5.0 mL of whole blood in a SST vacutainer. The blood should be centrifuged and the serum aliquoted in a plastic vial. Specimen can be shipped refrigerated within 7 days of collection or shipped frozen (preferred).

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 18, 2018

TEST CHANGE

Alpha-1-antitrypsn, Serum
Order Code: A1AT
CPT Code: 82103
Fee Code: 21901

Beginning December 18, 2018, Alpha-1-antitrypsin (A1AT) testing will be moved from the Siemens Advia 1800 platform to the Roche C502 platform due to a low end reproducibility issue. The order code A1AT includes both alpha-1-antitrypsin (A1A) and C-Reactive Protein (CRP) testing. Both tests will continue to be performed. CRP testing will remain on the Siemens Advia 1800 platform. A change in specimen labels will occur. Currently only one label prints. With the change, there will be a label for the A1A test...
and one for the CRP test. Additionally, the comment reported with alpha-1-antitrypsin results will change as follows:

Current comment: A1AT may be spuriously elevated if infection or inflammation is present.

New comment that will accompany all A1AT results: Alpha-1-antitrypsin is an acute-phase reactant protein. Any inflammatory process can potentially increase serum A1AT levels and mask A1AT deficiency. A CRP test will be performed with each A1AT determination to aid in the interpretation of A1AT level.

Collection Instructions: Collect approximately 1ml of whole blood in a SST vacutainer, centrifuge, aliquot the serum into a plastic vial and refrigerate the specimen for up to 7 days or freeze up to 3 months. Avoid repeated freezing and thawing of the specimen.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 18, 2018

NEW TEST

Hazelnut IgE, Serum
Order Code: HZPAN
CPT Code: 86003 with reflex to 86003 x4
Reference Lab: Quest Valencia

Effective December 18, 2018, MLabs will offer Hazelnut IgE, Serum (HZPAN) testing with reflex to component panel. If Hazelnut (f17) IgE is ≥0.10 kU/L, Hazelnut Component Panel will be performed at an additional charge (CPT 86008 x4). Hazelnut Component Panel includes Cor a1 (f428), Cor a8 (f425), Cor a9 (f440), and Cor a14 (f439).

Collection Instructions: Collect approximately 2.0 mL of whole blood in a SST or Red top vacutainer. The blood should be centrifuged and the serum aliquoted in a screw capped plastic vial. Specimen needs to be shipped refrigerated.