NOTICE DATE: May 9, 2018

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 2, 2018

NOTICE FOR MLABS CONNECT USERS

MLabs is committed to protecting the confidentiality and security of patient Protected Health Information (PHI). HIPAA compliance requires us to take reasonable steps to ensure that access to PHI is limited to approved users. MLabs Connect is MLabs’ portal that provides access to PHI to our clients.

Limiting Michigan Medicine’s exposure to liability for HIPAA violations in MLabs Connect involves the following:

- A unique user account for each user with access to MLabs Connect.
- Signed change requests from an individual with the authority to add and remove user accounts to certify that they understand their responsibilities to manage the set of users who are authorized to access MLabs Connect and promptly notify MLabs of any user accounts that need to be terminated because an individual leaves the organization or their role no longer requires access to PHI.
- Signed confidentiality agreements from each user to certify that they understand their responsibilities to maintain compliance with HIPAA regulations.
- Initial user account login within a reasonable time frame to replace the initial password with a password that is known only to that user.
- Automatic deactivation of user accounts that have not been accessed for a period of thirty (30) days. This expiration time period has recently been shortened to thirty days.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 30, 2018

CRITICAL VALUE CHANGE

LMWH Anti-Xa
Order Code: LMWH
Fee Code: 31100
CPT Code: 81530

Effective March 30, 2018, the critical value for low molecular weight heparin (LMWH) Anti-Xa has changed from >1.5 IU/mL to >2.0 IU/mL.
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EFFECTIVE DATE: April 12, 2018

TEST DISCONTINUED

Epstein Barr Virus DNA by PCR, Quantitative, Whole Blood
Order Code: MQEBV
Fee Code: 20159
CPT Code: 87799
Reference Laboratory: Mayo QEBV (82987)

Mayo Medical Laboratories has discontinued their Epstein Barr Virus DNA by PCR, Quantitative, Whole Blood assay effective April 12, 2018. The recommended alternative test is the Epstein Barr Virus DNA by PCR, Quantitative, Plasma (order code QEBV).

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 26, 2018

UNITS OF MEASURE CHANGE

Amino Acids, Quantitative, Urine
Order Code: UAA
Fee Code: 23785
CPT Code: 82139

Please note that effective April 26, 2018, the MMGL Biochemical Genetics Laboratory changed the units of measurement for the Urine Amino Acids assay from umol/L to umol/g of creatinine.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 30, 2018

CHANGE TO SPECIMEN HANDLING

Blood Smear for Parasites
Order Code: GIMSA
Fee Code: BA006, LA006
CPT Code: 87207, 87899

Please note that effective April 30, 2018, the specimen transport temperature for the Blood Smear for Parasites has changed from refrigerated to room temperature.

Collection Instructions: Collect specimen in a lavender top EDTA K2 tube. Send intact specimen at room temperature as soon as possible within 24 hours of collection. Specimens should be drawn immediately before a fever spike is anticipated.
INTERPRETIVE COMMENT CHANGE

Glucose Tolerance, 3 Hour
Order Code: GLUC3
Fee Code: 20251
CPT Code: 82951

Effective May 3, 2018, the interpretive comment for the 3 Hour Glucose Tolerance test has been updated.

3 Hr Oral Glucose Tolerance (100 gm glucose load)
Fasting: 95 mg/dL
1 hour: 180 mg/dL
2 hour: 155 mg/dL
3 hour: 140 mg/dL

A positive diagnosis results from a fasting value equal to or above 95 mg/dL or any two or more values that are equaled or exceeded.

TEST DISCONTINUED

Primidone
Order Code: PRIM
Fee Code: 33289
CPT Code: 80188

New Order Code: PRIMI
New Fee Code: pending

The MLabs Chemical Pathology Laboratory will discontinue performing the Primidone assay effective May 22, 2018, due to the low volume of requests for this test. Requests will be forwarded to Warde Medical Laboratory.

Collection Instructions: Collect specimen in a red top tube. Aliquot 1 mL (minimum 0.2 mL) of serum into a plastic vial and refrigerate.

Reference Range: Therapeutic range: 4-12 mcg/mL; Toxic level: greater than 20 mcg/mL.
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EFFECTIVE DATE: May 22, 2018

NEW TESTS

**Vitamin A (Retinol)**
- Order Code: VITA
- Fee Code: 22107
- CPT Code: 84590
- New Order Code: VITMA
- New Fee Code: pending

**Vitamin E (Alpha Tocopherol)**
- Order Code: VITE
- Fee Code: AA207
- CPT Code: 84446
- New Order Code: VITME
- New Fee Code: pending

The MLabs Chemical Pathology Laboratory will begin performing Vitamin A and Vitamin E effective May 22, 2018. This will replace testing currently referred to Mayo Medical Laboratories.

Collection Instructions: Collect specimen in a red top (preferred) or SST tube. Centrifuge, aliquot 0.5 mL (minimum 0.3 mL) of serum into a plastic vial and refrigerate or freeze.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 12, 2018

TEST DISCONTINUED

**Propoxyphene and Norpropoxyphene, Serum**
- Order Code: MMLR
- CPT Code: 80367
- Reference Laboratory: Mayo FPPOX (57140) (MedTox 108)

Effective June 12, 2018, Propoxyphene and Norpropoxyphene, Serum, referred to Medtox Laboratories will become obsolete due to low volume. The FDA banned Darvon, Darvocet and other brand/generic drugs containing propoxyphene in the U.S. on November 19, 2010. Since that time test volumes have steadily declined and are now very low. There are no alternative testing options available.