

September 10, 2007

Dear Colleague:

A significant change in this test update is the ability of New York clients to take advantage of a recent platform change for tests listed below. Previously, NY clients used the same codes but with "NY" attached to the test code (example-1966NY). The NY codes will be discontinued as of September 15th 2007 and automatically converted to the new platform. The benefits of the updated tests are Monday thru Friday setup and next day reporting. Please be aware of the CPT code changes for these tests also. You may visit our website or call client relations for specific details.

1966	Factor V [Leiden] GenotypR™
5371	Factor II (Prothrombin) GenotypR™
5369	Hemochromatosis GenotypR™
4562	MTHFR C677T/A1298C GenotypR™
1515	Alpha-1-Antitrypsin GenotypR™
5375	Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor GenotypR™ (PAI-1)
5353	TPMT GenotypR™
5383	DPD 5-FU GenotypR™
4555	Thrombotic Risk AssessR™ for Obstetric Complications

In a review of specimen type utilization, Chorionic Villus samples for Cystic Fibrosis testing were rarely utilized. Effective immediately it is no longer available as an acceptable specimen type for the listed test codes. If this affects a testing regimen with your particular laboratory, please contact Client Relations for alternative solutions.

Clients utilizing **7480 HIV-1 GenotypR™ PLUS (Reverse Transcriptase and Protease Inhibitors)** should be aware that as of October 3, 2007 two changes will occur. Zalcitabine will be removed from the panel, and Atazanavir + Ritonavir (ATV/r) will be added.

Due to a discontinuation of kits by the manufacturer the following tests will be removed from our in house test menu effective September 14, 2007. Sendout replacement codes can be obtained from client relations if needed.

1828	Metapneumovirus, Human (hMPV) RNA DetectR™
7517	Influenza A and B RNA DetectR™
7519	Parainfluenza 1, 2, 3 Virus RNA DetectR™
7520	Respiratory Syncytial Virus RNA DetectR™
7523	Respiratory Virus DetectR™ Plus (Hexaplex® Plus)
7524	Respiratory Virus DetectR™ (Hexaplex®)

For additional information, please visit our Web site at www.specialtylabs.com or contact Client Relations at 800-421-4449.



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- 7517 Influenza A and B RNA DetectR™
- 7519 Parainfluenza 1, 2, 3 Virus RNA DetectR™
- 7520 Respiratory Syncytial Virus RNA DetectR™
- 7523 Respiratory Virus DetectR™ Plus (Hexaplex® Plus)
- 7524 Respiratory Virus DetectR™ (Hexaplex®)

Effective September 15, 2007:

- 1810 ER/PR/KI-67/HER-2 by FISH/DNA Cell Cycle Analysis - Breast Cancer
Replaced by: 1813 Breast Cancer Profile 2 With Ki-67 *and* 5836 HER-2/neu [FISH], Breast Cancer
- 5842 HER-2/neu [IHC] and Gene Amplification [FISH]
Replaced by: 1846 HER-2/neu [IHC], Breast Cancer *and* 5836 HER-2/neu [FISH], Breast Cancer
- 1966NY Factor V [Leiden] GenotypR™ New York
Replaced by: 1966 Factor V [Leiden] GenotypR™
- 5371NY Factor II (Prothrombin) GenotypR™ New York
Replaced by: 5371 Factor II (Prothrombin) GenotypR™
- 5369NY Hemochromatosis GenotypR™ New York
Replaced by: 5369 Hemochromatosis GenotypR™
- 4562NY MTHFR C677T/A1298C GenotypR™ New York
Replaced by: 4562 MTHFR C677T/A1298C GenotypR™
- 1515NY Alpha-1-Antitrypsin GenotypR™ New York
Replaced by: 1515 Alpha-1-Antitrypsin GenotypR™
- 5375NY Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor (PAI-1) GenotypR™ New York
Replaced by: 5375 Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor (PAI-1) GenotypR™
- 5353NY TPMT GenotypR™ New York
Replaced by: 5353 TPMT GenotypR™
- 5383NY DPD 5-FU GenotypR™ New York
Replaced by: 5383 DPD 5-FU GenotypR™
- 4555NY Thrombotic Risk AssessR™ for Obstetric Complications New York
Replaced by: 4555 Thrombotic Risk AssessR™ for Obstetric Complications

Test Changes:

- 1514 Alpha-1-Antitrypsin PhenotypR™ w/o total AAT
 - Effective Immediately
 - Specimen 1 (0.5) mL Serum; Ambient – 7 Days, Refrigerated – 7 Days, Frozen – 60 Days

3109	Alpha-Fetoprotein Tumor Marker	Effective	September 25, 2007
		Ref. Range	< 0.9 ng/mL
		Also Affected	3028, 3109SR, 3028SR
4912	Alprazolam	Effective	Immediately
		Specimen	2 (1) mL Serum; Refrigerated – 5 Days, Frozen – 14 Days
		Note	Serum separator tubes are not acceptable.
4090U	Benzodiazepines Confirmation Urine	Effective	Immediately
		Specimen	6 (4) mL Urine; Refrigerated – 14 Days, Frozen – 14 Days
4090	Benzodiazepines Serum	Effective	Immediately
		Specimen	2 (1) mL Serum; Refrigerated – 5 Days, Frozen – 14 Days
		Note	Serum separator tubes are not acceptable.
4916	Chlordiazepoxide	Effective	Immediately
		Specimen	2 (1) mL Serum; Refrigerated – 5 Days, Frozen – 14 Days
		Note	Serum separator tubes are not acceptable.
4918	Clonazepam	Effective	Immediately
		Specimen	2 (1) mL Serum; Refrigerated – 5 Days, Frozen – 14 Days
		Note	Serum separator tubes are not acceptable.
5358	Cystic Fibrosis 70 GenotypR™ Fetal Study	Effective	Immediately
		Note	Chorionic Villus is no longer accepted.
		Also Affected	5363, 1518, 5855, 5218, 5228, 5238, 5248, 5258, 5268, 5278, 5288
4926	Diazepam & Nordiazepam	Effective	Immediately
		Specimen	2 (1) mL Serum; Refrigerated – 5 Days, Frozen – 14 Days
		Note	Serum separator tubes are not acceptable.
4920	Flurazepam (Dalmane®)	Effective	Immediately
		Specimen	2 (1) mL Serum; Refrigerated – 5 Days, Frozen – 14 Days
		Note	Serum separator tubes are not acceptable.
5836	HER-2/neu [FISH], Breast Cancer	Effective	September 25, 2007
		Note	Results will be reported in text format.
		Also Affected	Reflexes of 1818, 1833, 1839, 1842, 5846

7494	Herpesvirus-6 Human DNA DetectR™
Effective	Immediately
Specimen	1 (0.5) mL Plasma ACD; Frozen – 14 Days
Alt. Specimen	1 (0.5) mL CSF; Frozen – 14 Days 1 (0.5) mL Plasma EDTA; Frozen – 14 Days 1 (0.5) mL Serum; Frozen – 14 Days
7785	Herpesvirus-8, Human DNA DetectR™
Effective	Immediately
Specimen	2 (0.5) mL Serum; Refrigerated – 14 Days, Frozen – 14 Days
Alt. Specimen	10 (5) mL Whole Blood EDTA; Refrigerated – 14 Days 10 (5) mL Whole Blood ACD; Refrigerated – 14 Days 2 (0.5) mL CSF; Refrigerated – 14 Days, Frozen – 14 Days 2 (0.5) mL Plasma ACD; Refrigerated – 14 Days, Frozen – 14 Days 2 (0.5) mL Plasma EDTA; Refrigerated – 14 Days, Frozen – 14 Days
Collection	Indicate specimen source on tube and requisition form. Do not freeze Whole Blood. Ship by overnight courier.
7587	Histoplasma DNA DetectR™
Effective	Immediately
Specimen	5 (1) mL Whole Blood ACD; Ambient – 4 Days
Alt. Specimen	1 (0.5) mL Fluid; Frozen – 14 Days 1 (0.5) mL Serum; Frozen – 14 Days Sterile Container/Tube; Frozen – 14 Days 10 (5) mL Urine; Refrigerated – 4 Days, Frozen – 14 Days
Collection	The preferred specimen is Whole Blood ACD. Other acceptable specimens include serum, urine, and body fluids. Please specify specimen source on container and requisition form. Do not refrigerate or freeze whole blood. Ship all other samples at appropriate temperature conditions within 24 hours of collection by overnight courier.
7588	Histoplasma DNA UltraQuant®
Effective	Immediately
Specimen	5 (3) mL Urine; Refrigerated – 4 Days, Frozen – 14 Days
Alt. Specimen	2 (1) mL Plasma ACD; Ambient – 4 Days, Refrigerated – 4 Days, Frozen – 14 Days 2 (1) mL Plasma EDTA; Ambient – 4 Days, Refrigerated – 4 Days, Frozen – 14 Days 5 (1) mL Whole Blood ACD; Ambient – 4 Days 1 (0.5) mL Serum; Frozen – 14 Days
9842	HIV p24 Antigen, Qualitative
Effective	Immediately
Specimen	2 (1) mL Serum; Ambient – 7 Days, Refrigerated – 14 Days, Frozen – 30 Days
Alt. Specimen	2 (1) mL Plasma ACD; Ambient – 7 Days, Refrigerated – 14 Days, Frozen – 30 Days 2 (1) mL Plasma Citrated; Ambient – 7 Days, Refrigerated – 14 Days, Frozen – 30 Days 2 (1) mL Plasma EDTA; Ambient – 7 Days, Refrigerated – 14 Days, Frozen – 30 Days

7480	HIV-1 GenotypR™ PLUS (Reverse Transcriptase and Protease Inhibitors)	Effective	October 3, 2007
		Component	Atazanavir + Ritonavir (ATV/r)
		Note	Zalcitabine (ddC, Hivid) removed as a component.
		Also Affected	7480NY, Reflexes from 7482, 7482SR, 7482A, 7482ASR, 7482FPNY, 7484A
4928	Nordiazepam	Effective	Immediately
		Specimen	2 (1) mL Serum; Refrigerated – 5 Days, Frozen – 14 Days
		Note	Serum separator tubes are not acceptable.
4934	Oxazepam	Effective	Immediately
		Specimen	2 (1) mL Serum; Refrigerated – 5 Days, Frozen – 14 Days
		Note	Serum separator tubes are not acceptable.
1711	Phosphatidylserine IgG, IgM & IgA Autoantibodies	Effective	Immediately
		Specimen	2 (0.6) mL Serum; Refrigerated – 7 Days, Frozen – 60 Days