

Test Updates

September 27, 2007

Dear Colleague:

A significant change in this test update concerns the acceptable specimens for ANA Fluid analysis. Now the only validated specimen type is CSF, and the test code has been changed from 1100F to 1100C to reflect this change. Specimen shipping, stability, and TAT all remain unchanged.

Also, physician alert values (PAV) for some coagulation tests have been recently updated. For complete details, go to our Web site home page, or contact Client Relations for a copy of the updated list.

As part of *Specialty's* ongoing process improvement initiatives, our Client Relations Department is changing the Test Down/Test Delay client-notification process. We are moving from a manual process (telephone call) to an automated process (fax notification). The new process will ensure that Test Down/Test Delay notifications are consistently delivered in a timely manner and will require less time on the part of your staff. We believe the new process will have many benefits:

- Expeditious notifications
- Easy-to-read format
- Documentation of the TD/TD issue

Thank you for choosing *Specialty*. We look forward to your continued support.

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



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Discontinued :

Effective Immediately

6200 CardioEvaluatR™ Comprehensive

6202 CardioEvaluatR™ Primary

6204 CardioEvaluatR™ Secondary

Test Changes:

1100F ANA with International Units & Pattern Fluid

Effective October 16, 2007
Name ANA with International Units & Pattern CSF
Test Code 1100C
Specimen 1.0 (0.5) mL Ambient - 48 Hour(s), Refrigerated - 7 Day(s),
Frozen - 2 Month(s)
Note Fluids are no longer acceptable specimens. Only CSF will be tested.

1820 Human Papillomavirus DetectR™

Effective Immediately
Required Volume 8.0 (4.0) mL For ThinPrep specimens
Also Affected 1822, 1821

9640 Streptococcus, Group B DNA DetectR™

Effective Immediately
Required Volume 3.0 (2.0) mL For ThinPrep specimens

7431 Chlamydia/Neisseria rRNA/HPV High Risk DetectR™

Effective Immediately
Required Volume 9.0 (5.0) mL For ThinPrep specimens
Also Affected 7436, 7430, 7434, 7432

3445 Lipoprotein Electrophoresis

Effective Immediately
Specimen Serum only-Plasma is no longer an acceptable sample type

3012 HIV-1 Antibodies Immunoblot

Effective Immediately
Specimen Plasma PPT is no longer an acceptable sample
Also Affected 3012T, 3012BT, 3012B

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| 9915B | HIV-1/HIV-2 Antibodies [EIA] reflex to IB + bands |
| Effective | Immediately |
| Specimen | Ambient - 7 Day(s), Refrigerated - 14 Day(s), Frozen - 2 Month(s) |
| Also Affected | 9915, 9928 |
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| 9874 | HIV-1 RNA UltraQuant® [bDNA] |
| Effective | October 30, 2007 |
| Component | HIV-1 RNA (log 10) Ref. Range <1.87 |
| Also Affected | 9872, 9872SR, 7482, 9878, 9874SR, 7482SR |
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| 1491 | Plasminogen, Quantitative |
| Effective | October 30, 2007 |
| Ref. Range | 6-25 mg/dL |
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| 5703 | Vibrio Culture |
| Effective | Immediately |
| Alternate Specimen | Fresh, unpreserved stool is no longer accepted |
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| 7570 | <i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i> DNA DetectR™ |
| Effective | Immediately |
| Collection | CSF: Do not centrifuge prior to freezing. Freeze within 8 hours post collection. Synovial Fluid: Freeze within 8 hours post collection. Do not collect specimen in heparin anticoagulant; heparin inhibits PCR. Tissue: Collect 0.3 (minimum 0.15) g tissue. Freeze within 8 hours post collection or stabilize in 50% alcohol. Specify source on <i>Specialty's</i> Test Requisition Form and specimen container. Ship within 24 hrs of collection by overnight courier. |
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| 8781 | Measles IgM Abs EIA |
| Effective | October 16, 2007 |
| Note | Results > or = 0.91 will automatically reflex to IFA methodology, for an additional charge. |
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| Also Affected | 8771, 2772 |
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| Note | Measles IgM Abs by IFA can also be ordered separately without being reflexed. See test code 8820. |