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Specialty Laboratories is pleased to inform you of a major upgrade in our Cystic Fibrosis testing effective December 2, 2003. The broad mutation coverage of the test exceeds the minimum recommendations of The American College of Medical Genetics and The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists for general population screening. Because specific mutations are associated with specific ethnic groups, *Specialty's* expanded 70-mutation panel offers improved detection of CF carriers among Black and Hispanic individuals.

The Cystic Fibrosis **70** GenotypR™ represents a significant step forward in maternal-fetal testing, strengthens *Specialty's* menu of tests in the OB/GYN area, and preserves the advantages of cost, quality and turnaround time offered by *Specialty's* prior generation CF screen. The introduction of the assay, made possible by the application of TM Bioscience's Universal Array platform, exemplifies *Specialty's* commitment to the improvement of patient care through innovative laboratory medicine.

The *Specialty* Cystic Fibrosis **70** GenotypR™ offers the following advantages for CF carrier population screening:

- The 70 clinically relevant mutations
- Monday-Friday set-ups for 1 week turnaround on results
- Immediate set-ups when clinical need for urgency exists
- Individualized report on mutation detection / revised carrier risk
- Availability of related maternal-fetal testing, including Fragile X, AFP Triple Screens and Quad Screens, Chromosome Analysis, etc.

We will continue to use the existing test codes for carrier, diagnostic and fetal studies for the new 70-mutation panels as indicated below:

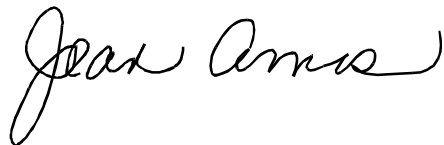
5356	Cystic Fibrosis 70 GenotypR™ : Carrier Study
5357	Cystic Fibrosis 70 GenotypR™ : Diagnostic Study
5358	Cystic Fibrosis 70 GenotypR™ : Fetal Study

Note that the suggested CPT codes have changed to the following:

83890, 838901, 83892 x 2, 83896 X 2, 83912

If you have any questions or would like additional information about genetic testing or maternal-fetal health tests available from *Specialty*, please visit our Website at www.specialtylabs.com or contact Client Services at 800-421-4449.

Sincerely,



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