

September 28, 2004

Dear Client:

We are pleased to announce that, effective October 5, 2004, Specialty Laboratories will once again perform a full spectrum of Neurology autoantibody testing. For our clients this will mean:

- Improved turnaround times – *Specialty* provides results in 1 to 4 days
- Smaller minimum sample volumes on most assays
- Competitive pricing – see your *Specialty* representative for price list
- Responsive Client Services support 24 hours a day/7 days a week
- Third party billing for hundreds of contracted payors

Attached is a comprehensive list of *Specialty's* **Newly Available Neurology Assays**, including new tests for GM₂ and Ri Autoantibodies, and ordering information. If you would like to receive a **packet of information** on our complete menu of neurology testing, please call **Client Services at 800-421-4449** or visit our **Web site at www.specialtylabs.com**.

To allow time for test building of these codes by our CPU clients, *Specialty* will discontinue the sendout codes effective October 19, 2004. Order and result codes will be available for the new tests on DPMD or by calling our IT Product Support at ext. 1580. The following table lists the tests to be discontinued and their respective in-house replacements. Please note that for all non-CSF tests, *Specialty* accepts serum only. Please do not send whole blood.

Sendout Code	Specific Change	Notes
S49540	Replaced by #4011 Ganglioside Asialo-GM ₁ Autoantibodies	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 1 (0.5) mL Serum required
S49541	Replaced by #1441 Ganglioside Monosialic Acid (GM ₁) Autoantibodies	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 1 (0.5) mL Serum required
S49539	Replaced by #4041 Ganglioside GD _{1b} Autoantibodies	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 1 (0.5) mL Serum required
S49635	Replaced by #4043 Ganglioside GQ _{1b} Autoantibodies	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 1 (0.5) mL Serum required
S49632	Replaced by #4056 Ganglioside Autoantibodies Evaluation (GM ₁ , Asialo-GM ₁ , GM ₂ , GD _{1b} , GD _{1a} , GQ _{1b})	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 2 (1) mL Serum required
S49632	Replaced by #4058 Ganglioside GM ¹ Triple Evaluation (GM ₁ , Asialo-GM ₁ , GD _{1b})	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 2 (1) mL Serum required
S49630	Replaced by #4051 MAG & SGPG IgM Autoantibodies	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 2 (1) mL Serum required
S49538	Replaced by #1926 MAG IgM Autoantibodies [EIA]	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 1 (0.5) mL Serum required
S49636	Replaced by #1186 Neuronal Nuclear Autoantibodies (Hu) by IB	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 1 (0.5) mL Serum required
S49631	Replaced by #1186C Neuronal Nuclear Autoantibodies (Hu) CSF by IB	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 3 (2) mL CSF required
S49543	Replaced by <i>NEW!</i> - #1170 Paraneoplastic Syndrome Evaluation w/ VGCCA (Hu, Yo, Ri, Voltage-Gated Calcium Channel Autoabs)	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 2 (1) mL Serum required
S49543	Replaced by <i>NEW!</i> - #1171 Paraneoplastic Syndrome Evaluation (Hu, Yo, Ri)	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 2 (1) mL Serum required
S49544	Replaced by <i>NEW!</i> - #1171C Paraneoplastic Syndrome Evaluation CSF (Hu, Yo, Ri)	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 3 (2) mL CSF required
S49637	Replaced by #1187 Purkinje Cell Cytoplasmic Autoantibodies (Yo) by IB	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 2 (1) mL Serum required
S49633	Replaced by #1187C Purkinje Cell Cytoplasmic Autoabs (Yo) (CSF) by IB	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 3 (2) mL CSF required
S50468	Replaced by #1196 Ri Autoantibodies	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 2 (1) mL Serum required
S50468	Replaced by #1196C Ri Autoantibodies CSF	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 3 (2) mL CSF required
S49537	Replaced by #4046 Sulfoglucuronyl Paragloboside (SGPG) IgM Autoabs	Improved TAT - now 1-4 days; 1 (0.5) mL Serum required

Sincerely,



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