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Test Updates

In our continuing effort to provide you with the highest quality toxicology laboratory services available, we have compiled important changes regarding a number of tests we perform. Listed below are the types of changes that may be included in this notification, effective Monday, March 02, 2015

Test Changes - Tests that have had changes to the method/ CPT code, units of measurement, scope of analysis, reference comments, or specimen requirements.

Discontinued Tests - Tests being discontinued with alternate testing suggestions.

Please use this information to update your computer systems/records. These changes are important to ensure standardization of our mutual laboratory databases.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this notification, please call our Client Support Department at (866) 522-2206. Thank you for your continued support of NMS Labs and your assistance in implementing these changes.

01/14/2015: The CPT Codes were updated to the 2015 version.

The CPT Codes provided in this document are based on AMA guidelines and are for informational purposes only. NMS Labs does not assume responsibility for billing errors due to reliance on the CPT Codes listed in this document.



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Test Code	Test Name	Test Name	Method / CPT Code	Specimen Req.	Stability	Scope	Units	Reference Comments	Discontinue
0268B	Aminobenzoic Acid, Blood								•
0498B	Bactrim®, Blood				•				
0498SP	Bactrim®, Serum/Plasma				•				
0529U	Bentiromide - PABA Test, Urine								•
0755B	Bromoform, Blood								•
1050SP	Chloramphenicol, Serum/Plasma				•				
1190SP	Chlorpheniramine, Serum/Plasma				•				
1190U	Chlorpheniramine, Urine				•				
1342SP	Coricidin®, Serum/Plasma				•				
1530B	Dibromoethane, Blood								•
2054U	Ethylene Glycol Monomethyl Ether, Urine							•	
2073SP	Fexofenadine, Serum/Plasma				•				
2090B	Fluoride, Blood								•
2090LI	Fluoride, Liquid			•				•	
2090SP	Fluoride, Serum/Plasma			•	•			•	
2299SP	Hexachlorobutadiene, Serum/Plasma								•
2299U	Hexachlorobutadiene, Urine								•
2298SP	Hexobarbital, Serum/Plasma								•
2365SP	Hydroxyzine and Metabolite, Serum/Plasma				•				
3265SP	Oxcarbazepine/Eslicarbazepine Acetate as Metabolite, Serum/Plasma				•				
54007SP	Phencyclidine Confirmation (Drug Impaired Driving/DRE Toxicology), Serum/Plasma (Forensic)			•					
5657SP	Phencyclidine Confirmation, Serum/Plasma			•					
50017SP	Phencyclidine Confirmation, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)			•					
3532SP	Phencyclidine Screen, Serum/Plasma			•					
8761SP	Phencyclidine, Serum/Plasma			•					
4185SP	Septra®, Serum/Plasma				•				
4185U	Septra®, Urine				•				
9551SP	Sildenafil and Metabolite Screen (Add-On), Serum/Plasma (Forensic) (CSA)			•	•				
4197SP	Sildenafil and Metabolite, Serum/Plasma				•				
4238U	Sulfide Exposure Biouptake Marker, Urine								•



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4519SP	Topiramate, Serum/Plasma				•				
10014SP	Topiramate, Serum/Plasma (CSA)				•				
4519U	Topiramate, Urine				•				
5626U	Tramadol and Metabolite Confirmation, Urine				•				
4533U	Tramadol and Metabolite, Urine				•				
4704B	Trimethoprim, Blood				•				
4704SP	Trimethoprim, Serum/Plasma				•				
4704U	Trimethoprim, Urine				•				
4884SP	Zonisamide, Serum/Plasma				•				



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0498B Bactrim®, Blood

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 7 day(s)
Refrigerated: 7 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 4 month(s)

0498SP Bactrim®, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 7 day(s)
Refrigerated: 7 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 4 month(s)

1050SP Chloramphenicol, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 1 month(s)
Refrigerated: 1 month(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 12 month(s)

1190SP Chlorpheniramine, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 30 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 24 month(s)

1190U Chlorpheniramine, Urine

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 1 month(s)
Refrigerated: 1 month(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 24 month(s)

1342SP Coricidin®, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 30 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 1 month(s)

2054U Ethylene Glycol Monomethyl Ether, Urine

Summary of Changes: Reference Comment was changed.



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Scope of Analysis: Colorimetry (82570): Creatinine
Method (CPT Code) GC/MS (82542): Methoxyacetic Acid, Methoxyacetic Acid (Creatinine corrected)

Compound Name	Units	Reference Comment
Methoxyacetic Acid	mcg/mL	Methoxyacetic acid is a metabolite of ethylene glycol monomethyl ether.
Methoxyacetic Acid (Creatinine corrected)	mg/g Creat	[Reference comment removed]

2073SP Fexofenadine, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 1 month(s)
Refrigerated: 1 month(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 24 month(s)

2090LI Fluoride, Liquid

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Reference Comment was changed.

Specimen Requirements: 2 mL Liquid
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None
Scope of Analysis: IC (None): Fluoride
Method (CPT Code)

Compound Name	Units	Reference Comment
Fluoride	mg/L	[Reference comment removed]

2090SP Fluoride, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.
Stability was changed.
Reference Comment was changed.



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Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Serum or Plasma
 Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
 Specimen Container: Lavender top tube (EDTA)
 Light Protection: Not Required
 Special Handling: Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into a plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.
 Rejection Criteria: Gray top tube (Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate). Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).
 Stability: Room Temperature: 30 day(s)
 Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
 Frozen (-20 °C): 3 month(s)
 Scope of Analysis: IC (82735): Fluoride
 Method (CPT Code)

Compound Name	Units	Reference Comment
Fluoride	mg/L	Reference range: Generally less than 0.2 mg/L. The reference range is dependent on the level of water fluoridation and its consumption.

2365SP Hydroxyzine and Metabolite, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 1 month(s)
 Refrigerated: 1 month(s)
 Frozen (-20 °C): 24 month(s)

3265SP Oxcarbazepine/Eslicarbazepine Acetate as Metabolite, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 7 day(s)
 Refrigerated: 14 day(s)
 Frozen (-20 °C): 14 month(s)

54007SP Phencyclidine Confirmation (Drug Impaired Driving/DRE Toxicology), Serum/Plasma (Forensic)

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
 Specimen Requirements (Special Handling) were changed.



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Specimen Requirements: 3 mL Serum or Plasma
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: Serum: Collect sample in Red top tube
Plasma: Collect sample in Lavender top tube (EDTA) or Pink top tube.
Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into a plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.
Rejection Criteria: Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).

50017SP Phencyclidine Confirmation, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Special Handling) were changed.

Specimen Requirements: 3 mL Serum or Plasma
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: Serum: Collect sample in Red top tube
Plasma: Collect sample in Lavender top tube (EDTA) or Pink top tube.
Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into a plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.
Rejection Criteria: Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).

5657SP Phencyclidine Confirmation, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Special Handling) were changed.

Specimen Requirements: 3 mL Serum or Plasma
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: Serum: Collect sample in Red top tube
Plasma: Collect sample in Lavender top tube (EDTA) or Pink top tube.
Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into a plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.
Rejection Criteria: Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).

3532SP Phencyclidine Screen, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Special Handling) were changed.



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Specimen Requirements: 4 mL Serum or Plasma
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: Serum: Collect sample in Red top tube
Plasma: Collect sample in Lavender top tube (EDTA) or Pink top tube.
Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into a plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.
Rejection Criteria: Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).

8761SP Phencyclidine, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Special Handling) were changed.

Specimen Requirements: 3 mL Serum or Plasma
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: Serum: Collect sample in Red top tube
Plasma: Collect sample in Lavender top tube (EDTA) or Pink top tube.
Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into a plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.
Rejection Criteria: Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).

4185SP Septra®, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 7 day(s)
Refrigerated: 7 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 4 month(s)

4185U Septra®, Urine

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 7 day(s)
Refrigerated: 7 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 4 month(s)

9551SP Sildenafil and Metabolite Screen (Add-On), Serum/Plasma (Forensic) (CSA)

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements (Special Handling) were changed.
Stability was changed.



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Specimen Requirements: 2 mL Serum or Plasma
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: Serum: Collect sample in Red top tube
Plasma: Collect sample in Lavender top tube (EDTA) or Pink top tube.
Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into a plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.
Rejection Criteria: Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).
Stability: Room Temperature: 14 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 12 month(s)

4197SP Sildenafil and Metabolite, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 14 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 12 month(s)

10014SP Topiramate, Serum/Plasma (CSA)

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 1 month(s)
Refrigerated: 1 month(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 24 month(s)

4519SP Topiramate, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 1 month(s)
Refrigerated: 1 month(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 24 month(s)

4519U Topiramate, Urine

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 1 month(s)
Refrigerated: 1 month(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 24 month(s)

5626U Tramadol and Metabolite Confirmation, Urine

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.



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Stability: Room Temperature: 14 day(s)
Refrigerated: 14 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 8 month(s)

4533U Tramadol and Metabolite, Urine

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 14 day(s)
Refrigerated: 14 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 8 month(s)

4704B Trimethoprim, Blood

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 1 month(s)
Refrigerated: 1 month(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 12 month(s)

4704SP Trimethoprim, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 1 month(s)
Refrigerated: 1 month(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 12 month(s)

4704U Trimethoprim, Urine

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 1 month(s)
Refrigerated: 1 month(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 12 month(s)

4884SP Zonisamide, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 15 day(s)
Refrigerated: 15 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 14 month(s)



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Discontinued Tests

Test Code	Test Name	Alternative Test
0268B	Aminobenzoic Acid, Blood	0268SP - Aminobenzoic Acid, Serum/Plasma
0529U	Bentiromide - PABA Test, Urine	0455U - Aromatic Primary Amines Exposure, Urine
0755B	Bromoform, Blood	No Alternate Tests Available
1530B	Dibromoethane, Blood	No Alternate Tests Available
2090B	Fluoride, Blood	2090SP - Fluoride, Serum/Plasma
2299SP	Hexachlorobutadiene, Serum/Plasma	No Alternate Tests Available
2299U	Hexachlorobutadiene, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available
2298SP	Hexobarbital, Serum/Plasma	No Alternate Tests Available
4238U	Sulfide Exposure Biouptake Marker, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available