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## Test Updates

### Immediate Action

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, July 31, 2017

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**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.

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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.

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
10175B	Alcohol (Police), Blood (Forensic) (CSA)			•				•	
9097B	Alcohol Screen, Blood (Forensic)	•						•	
0175B	Alcohol, Blood (Forensic)	•		•				•	
0176B	Alcohol, Blood (Forensic)								•
0175SP	Alcohol, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)	•		•					
0176SP	Alcohol, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)								•
0175U	Alcohol, Urine (Forensic)	•		•					
0176U	Alcohol, Urine (Forensic)								•
8151B	DUID/DRE Panel (w/Alcohol) ProofPOSITIVE®, Blood (Forensic)							•	
8069B	DUID/DRE Panel (w/Alcohol), Blood (Forensic) (CSA) - LA			•				•	



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#### 10175B Alcohol (Police), Blood (Forensic) (CSA)

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

Specimen Requirements: 5 mL Blood  
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated  
Specimen Container: Gray top tube (Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate)  
Light Protection: Not Required  
Special Handling: Collect sample using alcohol free skin preparation.  
Rejection Criteria: None  
Scope of Analysis: Headspace GC (80307): Ethanol, Blood Ethanol Concentration NCGS 20-4.01(1b),  
Method (CPT Code) Methanol, Blood Methanol Concentration NCGS 20-4.01(1b), Isopropanol, Blood  
Isopropanol Concentration NCGS 20-4.01(1b), Acetone  
Headspace GC (80320): Ethanol, Methanol, Isopropanol, Acetone

Compound Name	Units	Reference Comment
Blood Ethanol Concentration NCGS 20-4.01(1b)	g/100 mL	<p>I certify that I am the analyst of record for this report. In that capacity I am authorized by NMS Labs to provide the final analytical review of the results in this case. This report cannot be released without my review, and I am responsible for the accuracy of results contained herein.</p> <p>This laboratory is nationally accredited by the American Board of Forensic Toxicologists Inc. and The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/ Laboratory Accreditation Board, and complies with accreditation standards for internal chain of custody, standard operating procedures, analysis of appropriate blanks, calibrators and controls, and other quality control and quality assurance measures, all of which I am familiar with, and which help ensure test result accuracy. I have considered all the information available to me at this time, and it is my opinion and belief that the analysis was properly performed in compliance with laboratory standards and policies, that the results are supported by the analytical data, and that the results accurately reflect the toxicological findings for this subject. If lawfully subpoenaed, I will testify to the above facts in a court of law.</p>

#### 9097B Alcohol Screen, Blood (Forensic)

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Reference Comment was changed.



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Scope of Analysis: Headspace GC (80307): Ethanol, Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC), Methanol,  
Method (CPT Code) Isopropanol, Acetone  
Headspace GC (80320): Ethanol, Methanol, Isopropanol, Acetone

Compound Name	Units	Reference Comment
Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC)	g/100 mL	<p>I certify that I am the analyst of record for this report. In that capacity I am authorized by NMS Labs to provide the final analytical review of the results in this case. This report cannot be released without my review, and I am responsible for the accuracy of results contained herein.</p> <p>This laboratory is nationally accredited by the American Board of Forensic Toxicologists Inc. and The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/ Laboratory Accreditation Board, and complies with accreditation standards for internal chain of custody, standard operating procedures, analysis of appropriate blanks, calibrators and controls, and other quality control and quality assurance measures, all of which I am familiar with, and which help ensure test result accuracy. I have considered all the information available to me at this time, and it is my opinion and belief that the analysis was properly performed in compliance with laboratory standards and policies, that the results are supported by the analytical data, and that the results accurately reflect the toxicological findings for this subject. If lawfully subpoenaed, I will testify to the above facts in a court of law.</p>

#### 0175B Alcohol, Blood (Forensic)

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

Specimen Requirements: 2 mL Blood  
 Transport Temperature: Refrigerated  
 Specimen Container: Gray top tube (Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate)  
 Light Protection: Not Required  
 Special Handling: Collect sample using alcohol free skin preparation.  
 Rejection Criteria: None  
 Scope of Analysis: Headspace GC (80307): Ethanol, Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC), Methanol,  
 Method (CPT Code) Isopropanol, Acetone  
 Headspace GC (80320): Ethanol, Methanol, Isopropanol, Acetone



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Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC)	g/100 mL	<p>I certify that I am the analyst of record for this report. In that capacity I am authorized by NMS Labs to provide the final analytical review of the results in this case. This report cannot be released without my review, and I am responsible for the accuracy of results contained herein.</p> <p>This laboratory is nationally accredited by the American Board of Forensic Toxicologists Inc. and The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/ Laboratory Accreditation Board, and complies with accreditation standards for internal chain of custody, standard operating procedures, analysis of appropriate blanks, calibrators and controls, and other quality control and quality assurance measures, all of which I am familiar with, and which help ensure test result accuracy. I have considered all the information available to me at this time, and it is my opinion and belief that the analysis was properly performed in compliance with laboratory standards and policies, that the results are supported by the analytical data, and that the results accurately reflect the toxicological findings for this subject. If lawfully subpoenaed, I will testify to the above facts in a court of law.</p>

#### 0175SP Alcohol, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)

Summary of Changes: Test Name was changed.  
Specimen Requirements were changed.

Specimen Requirements: 2 mL Serum or Plasma

Transport Temperature: Refrigerated

Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)

Light Protection: Not Required

Special Handling: Collect sample using alcohol free skin preparation. Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into an plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.

Rejection Criteria: Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).

#### 0175U Alcohol, Urine (Forensic)

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Specimen Requirements were changed.



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Specimen Requirements: 2 mL Urine  
 Transport Temperature: Refrigerated  
 Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)  
 Light Protection: Not Required  
 Special Handling: None  
 Rejection Criteria: None

#### 8151B DUID/DRE Panel (w/Alcohol) ProofPOSITIVE®, Blood (Forensic)

Summary of Changes: Reference Comment was changed.

Scope of Analysis: ELISA (80307): Opiates, Cocaine / Metabolites, Benzodiazepines, Cannabinoids,  
 Method (CPT Code) Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Methadone / Metabolite, Phencyclidine, Carisoprodol /  
 Metabolite, Methamphetamine / MDMA, Oxycodone / Oxymorphone, Zolpidem  
 Headspace GC (80307): Ethanol, Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC), Methanol,  
 Isopropanol, Acetone  
 Headspace GC (80320): Ethanol, Methanol, Isopropanol, Acetone

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#### 8069B DUID/DRE Panel (w/Alcohol), Blood (Forensic) (CSA) - LA

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 Reference Comment was changed.



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Specimen Requirements: 5 mL Blood  
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated  
Specimen Container: Gray top tube (Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate), Lavender top tube (EDTA)  
Light Protection: Not Required  
Special Handling: Collect sample using alcohol free skin preparation.  
Rejection Criteria: Received Room Temperature.  
Scope of Analysis: ELISA (80307): Opiates, Cocaine / Metabolites, Benzodiazepines, Cannabinoids,  
Method (CPT Code) Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Methadone / Metabolite, Phencyclidine,  
Methamphetamine / MDMA, Oxycodone / Oxymorphone  
Headspace GC (80307): Ethanol, Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC), Methanol,  
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Test Code	Test Name	Alternative Test
0176B	Alcohol, Blood (Forensic)	0175B - Alcohol, Blood (Forensic)
0176SP	Alcohol, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)	0175SP - Alcohol, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)
0176U	Alcohol, Urine (Forensic)	0175U - Alcohol, Urine (Forensic)