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## New Tests and 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 Tuesday, November 16, 2010

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**New Tests** - Tests recently added to the NMS Labs test menu. *New Tests are effective immediately.*

**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	New Test	Test Name	Method / CPT Code	Specimen Req.	Stability	Scope	Units	Reference Comments	Discontinue
2693R	Metals/Metalloids Acute Poisoning Panel, RBCs				•					
3066R	Mineral Profile, RBCs				•					
4180R	Selenium, RBCs				•					



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### Test Changes

#### 2693R Metals/Metalloids Acute Poisoning Panel, RBCs

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.

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Specimen Requirements: 8 mL RBCs

Transport Temperature: Refrigerated

Specimen Container: Royal Blue top tube (Trace metal-free; EDTA)

Light Protection: Not Required

Special Handling: Avoid seafood consumption for 48 hours prior to sample collection. Centrifuge and separate RBCs into an acid washed plastic screw capped vial within two hours of collection.

Rejection Criteria: Received Frozen.

#### 3066R Mineral Profile, RBCs

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.

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Specimen Requirements: 9 mL RBCs

Transport Temperature: Refrigerated

Specimen Container: Green top tube (Sodium Heparin), Royal Blue top tube (Trace metal-free; EDTA)

Light Protection: Not Required

Special Handling: Centrifuge and separate RBCs into an acid washed plastic screw capped vial within two hours of collection.

Rejection Criteria: Received Frozen. Light Blue top tube (Sodium Citrate). Gray top tube (Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate). Yellow top tube (ACD - Acid Citrate Dextrose). Lavender top tube (EDTA).

#### 4180R Selenium, RBCs

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.

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Specimen Requirements: 2 mL RBCs

Transport Temperature: Refrigerated

Specimen Container: Royal Blue top tube (Trace metal-free; EDTA)

Light Protection: Not Required

Special Handling: Centrifuge and separate RBCs into an acid washed plastic screw capped vial within two hours of collection.

Rejection Criteria: Received Frozen.