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Monday, February 14, 2011

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 Monday, February 14, 2011

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.

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
9543B	Clonidine Screen (Add-On), Blood (CSA)				•	•				
9543FL	Clonidine Screen (Add-On), Fluid (CSA)				•					
9543SP	Clonidine Screen (Add-On), Serum/Plasma (CSA)				•	•				
9543U	Clonidine Screen (Add-On), Urine (CSA)				•	•				
1275B	Clonidine, Blood				•	•				
1275FL	Clonidine, Fluid				•					
1275SP	Clonidine, Serum/Plasma				•	•				
1275U	Clonidine, Urine				•	•				
8758B	Hallucinogens Screen, Blood		•		•	•				
8758SP	Hallucinogens Screen, Serum/Plasma		•		•	•				
8758U	Hallucinogens Screen, Urine		•		•	•				
2541B	LSD Screen, Blood				•	•				
2541FL	LSD Screen, Fluid				•					
2541SP	LSD Screen, Serum/Plasma				•	•				
2541U	LSD Screen, Urine				•	•				
2540B	LSD Trace Analysis, Blood				•	•				
2540FL	LSD Trace Analysis, Fluid				•					
2540SP	LSD Trace Analysis, Serum/Plasma				•	•				
2540U	LSD Trace Analysis, Urine				•	•				
8334B	LSD, Blood (Forensic)				•	•				
8334SP	LSD, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)				•	•				
8334U	LSD, Urine (Forensic)				•	•				



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Test Changes

9543B Clonidine Screen (Add-On), Blood (CSA)

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

Specimen Requirements: 2 mL Blood
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Lavender top tube (EDTA)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None
Stability: Room Temperature: 30 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 30 day(s)

9543FL Clonidine Screen (Add-On), Fluid (CSA)

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.

Specimen Requirements: 9 mL Fluid
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: NMS Labs has no experimental or literature-based data regarding the choice of specific specimen collection containers for this test.
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None

9543SP Clonidine Screen (Add-On), Serum/Plasma (CSA)

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



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

9543U Clonidine Screen (Add-On), Urine (CSA)

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

Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Urine
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None
Stability: Room Temperature: 30 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 30 day(s)

1275B Clonidine, Blood

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

Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Blood
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Lavender top tube (EDTA)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None
Stability: Room Temperature: 30 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 30 day(s)

1275FL Clonidine, Fluid

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.



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Specimen Requirements: 5 mL Fluid
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: NMS Labs has no experimental or literature-based data regarding the choice of specific specimen collection containers for this test.
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None

1275SP Clonidine, Serum/Plasma

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

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: 30 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 30 day(s)

1275U Clonidine, Urine

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

Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Urine
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None
Stability: Room Temperature: 30 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 30 day(s)

8758B Hallucinogens Screen, Blood



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Test Changes

Summary of Changes: Test Name was changed.
Specimen Requirements were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Transport Temperature) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Stability was changed.

Specimen Requirements: 6 mL Blood
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Gray top tube (Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate), Lavender top tube (EDTA)
Light Protection: Yes
Special Handling: Glass containers are not acceptable.
Rejection Criteria: Not received Light Protected. Received Room Temperature. Glass container.
Stability: Room Temperature: 1 day(s)
Refrigerated: 10 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): Undetermined

8758SP Hallucinogens Screen, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Test Name was changed.
Specimen Requirements were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Transport Temperature) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Special Handling) were changed.
Stability was changed.

Specimen Requirements: 6 mL Serum or Plasma
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Yes
Special Handling: Submit with Chain of Custody.
Serum: Collect sample in Red top tube
Plasma: Collect sample in Lavender top tube (EDTA) or Pink top tube.
Glass containers are not acceptable. Collect sample in Gray top tube (Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate). Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into a plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.
Rejection Criteria: Not received Light Protected. Received Room Temperature. Glass container. Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).
Stability: Room Temperature: 1 day(s)
Refrigerated: 10 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): Undetermined

8758U Hallucinogens Screen, Urine



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Test Changes

Summary of Changes: Test Name was changed.
Specimen Requirements were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Stability was changed.

Specimen Requirements: 6 mL Urine
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Yes
Special Handling: Glass containers are not acceptable.
Rejection Criteria: Not received Light Protected. Received Room Temperature. Glass container.
Stability: Room Temperature: 1 day(s)
Refrigerated: 10 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): Undetermined

2541B LSD Screen, Blood

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Transport Temperature) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Stability was changed.

Specimen Requirements: 2 mL Blood
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Lavender top tube (EDTA)
Light Protection: Yes
Special Handling: Glass containers are not acceptable.
Rejection Criteria: Not received Light Protected. Glass container.
Stability: Room Temperature: 30 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 30 day(s)

2541FL LSD Screen, Fluid

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.

Specimen Requirements: 6 mL Fluid
Transport Temperature: Frozen
Specimen Container: NMS Labs has no experimental or literature-based data regarding the choice of specific specimen collection containers for this test.
Light Protection: Yes
Special Handling: Glass containers are not acceptable.
Rejection Criteria: Not received Light Protected. Glass container.



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2541SP LSD Screen, Serum/Plasma

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

Specimen Requirements: 3 mL Serum or Plasma
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Yes
Special Handling: Serum: Collect sample in Red top tube
Plasma: Collect sample in Lavender top tube (EDTA) or Pink top tube.
Glass containers are not acceptable. Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into a plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.
Rejection Criteria: Not received Light Protected. Glass container. Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).
Stability: Room Temperature: 14 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 30 day(s)

2541U LSD Screen, Urine

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

Specimen Requirements: 2 mL Urine
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Yes
Special Handling: Glass containers are not acceptable.
Rejection Criteria: Not received Light Protected. Glass container.
Stability: Room Temperature: 30 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 30 day(s)

2540B LSD Trace Analysis, Blood

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Transport Temperature) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Stability was changed.



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Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Blood
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Lavender top tube (EDTA)
Light Protection: Yes
Special Handling: Glass containers are not acceptable.
Rejection Criteria: Not received Light Protected. Glass container.
Stability: Room Temperature: 30 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 30 day(s)

2540FL LSD Trace Analysis, Fluid

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.

Specimen Requirements: 5 mL Fluid
Transport Temperature: Frozen
Specimen Container: NMS Labs has no experimental or literature-based data regarding the choice of specific specimen collection containers for this test.
Light Protection: Yes
Special Handling: Glass containers are not acceptable.
Rejection Criteria: Not received Light Protected. Glass container.

2540SP LSD Trace Analysis, Serum/Plasma

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

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

2540U LSD Trace Analysis, Urine



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Test Changes

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

Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Urine
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Yes
Special Handling: Glass containers are not acceptable.
Rejection Criteria: Not received Light Protected. Glass container.
Stability: Room Temperature: 30 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 30 day(s)

8334B LSD, Blood (Forensic)

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Transport Temperature) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Stability was changed.

Specimen Requirements: 2 mL Blood
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Lavender top tube (EDTA)
Light Protection: Yes
Special Handling: Glass containers are not acceptable.
Rejection Criteria: Not received Light Protected. Glass container.
Stability: Room Temperature: 30 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 30 day(s)

8334SP LSD, Serum/Plasma (Forensic)

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



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Specimen Requirements: 3 mL Serum or Plasma
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Yes
Special Handling: Serum: Collect sample in Red top tube
Plasma: Collect sample in Lavender top tube (EDTA) or Pink top tube.
Glass containers are not acceptable. Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into a plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.
Rejection Criteria: Not received Light Protected. Glass container. Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).
Stability: Room Temperature: 14 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 30 day(s)

8334U LSD, Urine (Forensic)

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

Specimen Requirements: 2 mL Urine
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Yes
Special Handling: Submit with Chain of Custody.
Glass containers are not acceptable.
Rejection Criteria: Not received Light Protected. Glass container.
Stability: Room Temperature: 30 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 30 day(s)