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Friday, June 17, 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 Friday, June 17, 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
2740B	Metformin, Blood			•	•	•				
2740FL	Metformin, Fluid			•	•					
2740SP	Metformin, Serum/Plasma			•	•	•				
2740U	Metformin, Urine			•		•				



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Test Changes

2740B Metformin, Blood

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.
Stability was changed.
Methods/CPT Codes were changed [LC-MS/MS (83789)]

Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Blood
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
Stability: Room Temperature: 1 month(s)
Refrigerated: 1 month(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 1 month(s)
Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (83789): Metformin
Method (CPT Code)

2740FL Metformin, Fluid

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.
Methods/CPT Codes were changed [LC-MS/MS (83789)]

Specimen Requirements: 1 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
Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (83789): Metformin
Method (CPT Code)

2740SP Metformin, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.
Stability was changed.
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Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Serum or Plasma
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: Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into a plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.
Rejection Criteria: None
Stability: Room Temperature: 1 month(s)
Refrigerated: 1 month(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 1 month(s)
Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (83789): Metformin
Method (CPT Code)

2740U Metformin, Urine

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.
Methods/CPT Codes were changed [LC-MS/MS (83789)]

Stability: Room Temperature: 1 month(s)
Refrigerated: 1 month(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 1 month(s)
Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (83789): Metformin
Method (CPT Code)