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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 Monday, September 19, 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
2087B	Fiorinal®, Blood				•					
2087SP	Fiorinal®, Serum/Plasma				•					
2087U	Fiorinal®, Urine				•					
3200SP	Nisoldipine, Serum/Plasma									•
3436B	Percodan®, Blood				•					
3436SP	Percodan®, Serum/Plasma				•					
5438B	Salicylate Confirmation, Blood		•	•	•	•				
5438FL	Salicylate Confirmation, Fluid		•	•	•					
5438SP	Salicylate Confirmation, Serum/Plasma		•	•	•	•				
5438TI	Salicylate Confirmation, Tissue		•	•	•					
5438U	Salicylate Confirmation, Urine		•	•	•	•				
4137B	Salicylate, Blood			•	•	•				
4137FL	Salicylate, Fluid			•	•					
4137SP	Salicylate, Serum/Plasma			•	•	•				
4137U	Salicylate, Urine		•	•	•	•				
4140B	Salicylates - Total, Blood				•					
4140U	Salicylates - Total, Urine				•					
8001B	Salicylates Screen, Blood		•		•					
9268B	Salicylates Screen, Blood				•					
8001FL	Salicylates Screen, Fluid		•		•					
9268FL	Salicylates Screen, Fluid				•					
8001SP	Salicylates Screen, Serum/Plasma				•					
9268SP	Salicylates Screen, Serum/Plasma				•					
8001TI	Salicylates Screen, Tissue				•					
8001U	Salicylates Screen, Urine				•					
9268U	Salicylates Screen, Urine				•					



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Test Changes

2087B Fiorinal®, Blood

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

Specimen Requirements: 10 mL Blood
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Lavender top tube (EDTA)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None

2087SP Fiorinal®, Serum/Plasma

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

Specimen Requirements: 5 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).

2087U Fiorinal®, Urine

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

Specimen Requirements: 5 mL Urine
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None

3436B Percodan®, Blood

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



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Specimen Requirements: 10 mL Blood
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Lavender top tube (EDTA)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None

3436SP Percodan®, Serum/Plasma

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

Specimen Requirements: 5 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).

5438B Salicylate Confirmation, Blood

Summary of Changes: Test Name was changed.
Specimen Requirements were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Stability was changed.
Methods/CPT Codes were changed [LC-MS/MS (80196)]

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)
Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (80196): Salicylate
Method (CPT Code)

5438FL Salicylate Confirmation, Fluid



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Summary of Changes: Test Name was changed.
Specimen Requirements were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Methods/CPT Codes were changed [LC-MS/MS (80196)]

Specimen Requirements: 2 mL Fluid
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None
Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (80196): Salicylate
Method (CPT Code)

5438SP Salicylate Confirmation, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Test Name was changed.
Specimen Requirements were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Special Handling) were changed.
Stability was changed.
Methods/CPT Codes were changed [LC-MS/MS (80196)]

Specimen Requirements: 1 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)
Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (80196): Salicylate
Method (CPT Code)

5438TI Salicylate Confirmation, Tissue

Summary of Changes: Test Name was changed.
Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Methods/CPT Codes were changed [LC-MS/MS (80103, 80196)]



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Specimen Requirements: 10 g Tissue
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None
Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (80103, 80196): Salicylate
Method (CPT Code)

5438U Salicylate Confirmation, Urine

Summary of Changes: Test Name was changed.
Specimen Requirements were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Stability was changed.
Methods/CPT Codes were changed [LC-MS/MS (80196)]

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)
Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (80196): Salicylate
Method (CPT Code)

4137B Salicylate, Blood

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Stability was changed.
Methods/CPT Codes were changed [LC-MS/MS (80196)]

Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Blood
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Lavender top tube (EDTA)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None



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

Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (80196): Salicylate
Method (CPT Code)

4137FL Salicylate, Fluid

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Methods/CPT Codes were changed [LC-MS/MS (80196)]

Specimen Requirements: 2 mL Fluid
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None
Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (80196): Salicylate
Method (CPT Code)

4137SP Salicylate, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Special Handling) were changed.
Stability was changed.
Methods/CPT Codes were changed [LC-MS/MS (80196)]

Specimen Requirements: 1 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)
Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (80196): Salicylate
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4137U Salicylate, Urine



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Stability was changed.
Methods/CPT Codes were changed [LC-MS/MS (80196)]

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)
Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (80196): Salicylate
Method (CPT Code)

4140B Salicylates - Total, Blood

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

Specimen Requirements: 8 mL Blood
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Lavender top tube (EDTA)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None

4140U Salicylates - Total, Urine

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

Specimen Requirements: 3 mL Urine
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None

8001B Salicylates Screen, Blood



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Test Changes

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

9268B Salicylates Screen, Blood

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

Specimen Requirements: 8 mL Blood
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Lavender top tube (EDTA)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None

8001FL Salicylates Screen, Fluid

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

Specimen Requirements: 3 mL Fluid
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None

9268FL Salicylates Screen, Fluid

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



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Specimen Requirements: 9 mL Fluid
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None

8001SP Salicylates Screen, Serum/Plasma

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

9268SP Salicylates Screen, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements were changed.
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).

8001TI Salicylates Screen, Tissue

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



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Specimen Requirements: 10 g Tissue
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None

8001U Salicylates Screen, Urine

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

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

9268U Salicylates Screen, Urine

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

Specimen Requirements: 3 mL Urine
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: None
Rejection Criteria: None



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Discontinued Tests

Test Code	Test Name	Alternative Test
3200SP	Nisoldipine, Serum/Plasma	No Alternate Tests Available