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## Test Updates

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 06, 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
0638H	Beryllium, Hair								•
0642SP	Betahydroxybutyric Acid, Serum/Plasma			•	•				
0642U	Betahydroxybutyric Acid, Urine				•				
2620U	Mephenytoin and Metabolite, Urine								•
2630U	Mephobarbital and Metabolite, Urine								•
2900U	Methocarbamol, Urine								•
3045U	Modafinil, Urine								•
5670U	Pemoline Confirmation, Urine								•
9225U	Pemoline Screen, Urine								•
3380U	Pemoline, Urine								•
10070SP	Perfluorooctanoic Acid (Low Level), Serum/Plasma			•					
3426B	Perfluorooctanoic Acid, Blood			•					
3426SP	Perfluorooctanoic Acid, Serum/Plasma			•					
3460SP	Phenacemide, Serum/Plasma								•
3460U	Phenacemide, Urine								•
9416U	Phenobarbital Screen, Urine								•
3580U	Phenobarbital, Urine								•
3743U	Phenytoin, Urine								•
3783H	Platinum, Hair								•
3900U	Primidone, Phenobarbital and PEMA, Urine								•
4200H	Silver, Hair								•
4200N	Silver, Nails								•
4320H	Tellurium, Hair								•



## Test Updates

### Test Changes

#### 0642SP Betahydroxybutyric Acid, Serum/Plasma

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

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Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Serum or Plasma  
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated  
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)  
Light Protection: Not Required  
Special Handling: 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: 14 day(s)  
Refrigerated: 14 day(s)  
Frozen (-20 °C): 6 month(s)  
Frozen (-70 °C): 3 month(s)

#### 0642U Betahydroxybutyric Acid, Urine

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

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Stability: Room Temperature: 3 day(s)  
Refrigerated: 14 day(s)  
Frozen (-20 °C): 6 month(s)

#### 10070SP Perfluorooctanoic Acid (Low Level), Serum/Plasma

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

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Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Serum or Plasma  
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated  
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)  
Light Protection: Not Required  
Special Handling: Sample collection devices coated with PTFE/Teflon® and PVDF should be avoided because of potential specimen contamination.  
Serum: Collect sample in Red top tube  
Plasma: Collect sample in Lavender top tube (EDTA).  
Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into a plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.  
Rejection Criteria: Received Room Temperature. Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).

#### 3426B Perfluorooctanoic Acid, Blood

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

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Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Blood  
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated  
Specimen Container: Lavender top tube (EDTA)  
Light Protection: Not Required  
Special Handling: Sample collection devices coated with PTFE/Teflon® and PVDF should be avoided because of potential specimen contamination.  
Rejection Criteria: Received Room Temperature.

#### **3426SP Perfluorooctanoic Acid, Serum/Plasma**

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

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Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Serum or Plasma  
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated  
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)  
Light Protection: Not Required  
Special Handling: Sample collection devices coated with PTFE/Teflon® and PVDF should be avoided because of potential specimen contamination.  
Serum: Collect sample in Red top tube  
Plasma: Collect sample in Lavender top tube (EDTA).  
Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into a plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.  
Rejection Criteria: Received Room Temperature. Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).



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### Discontinued Tests

Test Code	Test Name	Alternative Test
0638H	Beryllium, Hair	No Alternate Tests Available
2620U	Mephentyoin and Metabolite, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available
2630U	Mephobarbital and Metabolite, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available
2900U	Methocarbamol, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available
3045U	Modafinil, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available
5670U	Pemoline Confirmation, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available
9225U	Pemoline Screen, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available
3380U	Pemoline, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available
3460SP	Phenacemide, Serum/Plasma	No Alternate Tests Available
3460U	Phenacemide, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available
9416U	Phenobarbital Screen, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available
3580U	Phenobarbital, Urine	8633U - Phenobarbital, Urine
3743U	Phenytoin, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available
3783H	Platinum, Hair	No Alternate Tests Available
3900U	Primidone, Phenobarbital and PEMA, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available
4200H	Silver, Hair	No Alternate Tests Available
4200N	Silver, Nails	No Alternate Tests Available
4320H	Tellurium, Hair	No Alternate Tests Available