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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, March 05, 2018

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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
3765B	Phosphorus - Total, Blood			•					
3784B	Potassium - Total, Blood			•					
3784R	Potassium - Total, RBCs			•					



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### Test Changes

#### 3765B Phosphorus - Total, Blood

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

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Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Blood  
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated  
Specimen Container: Green top tube (Lithium Heparin)  
Light Protection: Not Required  
Special Handling: Clotted Blood specimens are not acceptable.  
Rejection Criteria: Aerobic bottle. Tan top tube - glass (Sodium Heparin). Royal Blue top tube (Trace metal-free; EDTA). Light Green top tube (Lithium Heparin with gel). Light Blue top tube (Sodium Citrate). Gray top tube (Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate). Lavender top tube (EDTA). Yellow top tube (ACD - Acid Citrate Dextrose).

#### 3784B Potassium - Total, Blood

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

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Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Blood  
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated  
Specimen Container: Green top tube (Lithium Heparin)  
Light Protection: Not Required  
Special Handling: Clotted Blood specimens are not acceptable.  
Submit in container with a non-Potassium based preservative/anticoagulant. Tubes containing Potassium based preservatives/anticoagulants are not acceptable.  
Rejection Criteria: Tan top tube - plastic (K2EDTA). Pink top tube (EDTA). Light Green top tube (Lithium Heparin with gel). Light Blue top tube (Sodium Citrate). Gray top tube (Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate). White top tube (K2EDTA). Yellow top tube (ACD - Acid Citrate Dextrose). Lavender top tube (EDTA).

#### 3784R Potassium - Total, RBCs

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

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Specimen Requirements: 2 mL RBCs  
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated  
Specimen Container: Green top tube (Lithium Heparin)  
Light Protection: Not Required  
Special Handling: Submit in container with a non-Potassium based preservative/anticoagulant. Tubes containing Potassium based preservatives/anticoagulants are not acceptable.



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Centrifuge and separate Plasma within two hours of collection. Leave RBCs in the original collection container and replace stopper.

Rejection Criteria: Received Room Temperature. Tan top tube - plastic (K2EDTA). Pink top tube (EDTA). Light Green top tube (Lithium Heparin with gel). Light Blue top tube (Sodium Citrate). Gray top tube (Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate). Yellow top tube (ACD - Acid Citrate Dextrose). White top tube (K2EDTA). Lavender top tube (EDTA).