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Monday, November 04, 2024

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, November 04, 2024

Test Changes - Tests that have had changes to the Test Name, Turnaround Time (TAT), Method/CPT Code, Stability, Units of Measurement, Reference Comments, Analytes (Scope of Analysis changes, Interface Map), 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	Test Name	Test Name	TAT	Method / CPT Code	Specimen Req.	Stability	Analytes	Units	Reference Comments	Discontinue
0190B	Aldrin/Dieldrin, Blood									•
0190SP	Aldrin/Dieldrin, Serum/Plasma									•
0485B	Atrazine, Blood									•
0485SP	Atrazine, Serum/Plasma									•
0485U	Atrazine, Urine									•
1920B	Endrin, Blood									•
1920SP	Endrin, Serum/Plasma									•
2260SP	Heptachlor and Metabolite, Serum/Plasma									•
2278B	Herbicides Panel 2, Blood									•
2278SP	Herbicides Panel 2, Serum/Plasma									•
2278U	Herbicides Panel 2, Urine									•
55078U	Heroin Metabolite - Free (Unconjugated) Confirmation, Urine (Forensic) (CSA)	•								
2534SP	Lithium Exposure, Serum/Plasma				•					
2520SP	Lithium, Serum/Plasma				•					
2860B	Metharbital and Metabolite, Blood									•
2860U	Metharbital and Metabolite, Urine									•
3048SP	Metribuzin, Serum/Plasma									•
55078B	Opiates - Free (Unconjugated) Confirmation, Blood (Forensic) (CSA)	•								



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55078U Heroin Metabolite - Free (Unconjugated) Confirmation, Urine (Forensic) (CSA)

Summary of Changes: Test Name was changed.

2534SP Lithium Exposure, Serum/Plasma

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

Requested Volume: 1 mL Serum or Plasma

Transport Temperature: Refrigerated

Sample Container: Royal Blue top tube (Trace metal-free; EDTA)

Light Protection: Not Required

Special Handling: Submit in container with a non-Lithium based anticoagulant. Tubes containing Lithium based anticoagulants are not acceptable. Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into an acid washed plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.

Rejection Criteria: Light Green top tube (Lithium Heparin).

2520SP Lithium, Serum/Plasma

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

Requested Volume: 2 mL Serum or Plasma

Transport Temperature: Refrigerated

Sample Container: Red top tube (no additive)

Light Protection: Not Required

Special Handling: Submit in container with a non-Lithium based anticoagulant. Tubes containing Lithium based anticoagulants are not acceptable. Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into an acid washed plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.

Rejection Criteria: Light Green top tube (Lithium Heparin).

55078B Opiates - Free (Unconjugated) Confirmation, Blood (Forensic) (CSA)

Summary of Changes: Test Name was changed.



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Test	Test Name	Alternative Test
0190B	Aldrin/Dieldrin, Blood	No Alternate Tests Available
0190SP	Aldrin/Dieldrin, Serum/Plasma	No Alternate Tests Available
0485B	Atrazine, Blood	No Alternate Tests Available
0485SP	Atrazine, Serum/Plasma	No Alternate Tests Available
0485U	Atrazine, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available
1920B	Endrin, Blood	No Alternate Tests Available
1920SP	Endrin, Serum/Plasma	No Alternate Tests Available
2260SP	Heptachlor and Metabolite, Serum/Plasma	No Alternate Tests Available
2278B	Herbicides Panel 2, Blood	No Alternate Tests Available
2278SP	Herbicides Panel 2, Serum/Plasma	No Alternate Tests Available
2278U	Herbicides Panel 2, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available
2860B	Metharbital and Metabolite, Blood	No Alternate Tests Available
2860U	Metharbital and Metabolite, Urine	No Alternate Tests Available
3048SP	Metribuzin, Serum/Plasma	No Alternate Tests Available