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Monday, June 23, 2014

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, June 23, 2014

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	Test Name	Method / CPT Code	Specimen Req.	Stability	Scope	Units	Reference Comments	Discontinue
3426B	Perfluorooctanoic Acid, Blood			•	•			•	
3426SP	Perfluorooctanoic Acid, Serum/Plasma			•	•			•	



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3426B Perfluorooctanoic Acid, Blood

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Special Handling) were changed.
Stability was changed.
Reference Comment was changed.

Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Blood
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Lavender top tube (EDTA)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: Before use, the blood collection devices should be tested for potential contaminants, e.g. Teflon® coated components.
Rejection Criteria: Received Room Temperature.
Stability: Room Temperature: 6 day(s)
Refrigerated: 14 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 11 month(s)
Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (83789): Perfluorooctanoic Acid
Method (CPT Code)

Compound Name	Units	Reference Comment
Perfluorooctanoic Acid	ng/mL	General Population Exposure: Serum concentrations in the general U.S. population are typically less than 12 ng/mL. Occupational Exposures: Mean serum concentrations from workers exposed at plants that manufacture PFOA or its salts ranged from 840 to 6800 ng/mL. The reported serum range for all workers was 0 to 114000 ng/mL. The whole blood to serum ratio is 0.55. Whole blood results can be adjusted to the approximate serum equivalent by dividing the blood result by 0.55.

3426SP Perfluorooctanoic Acid, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) were changed.
Specimen Requirements (Special Handling) were changed.
Stability was changed.
Reference Comment 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: Before use, the blood collection devices should be tested for potential contaminants, e.g. Teflon® coated components.
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).
Stability: Room Temperature: 6 day(s)
Refrigerated: 28 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 12 month(s)
Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (83789): Perfluorooctanoic Acid
Method (CPT Code)

Compound Name	Units	Reference Comment
Perfluorooctanoic Acid	ng/mL	General Population Exposure: Serum concentrations in the general U.S. population are typically less than 12 ng/mL. Occupational Exposures: Mean serum concentrations from workers exposed at plants that manufacture PFOA or its salts ranged from 840 to 6800 ng/mL. The reported serum range for all workers was 0 to 114000 ng/mL.