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Monday, January 06, 2020

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, January 06, 2020

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
0060SP	Acetoacetate, Serum/Plasma				•				
0060U	Acetoacetate, Urine				•				
1256SP	Cholinesterase, Serum/Plasma			•	•				
2480SP	Ketone Bodies Panel, Serum/Plasma				•				
10208SP	Ketone Bodies Panel, Serum/Plasma (CSA)				•				
2892B	Methimazole, Blood							•	



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0060SP Acetoacetate, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: Not Stable
Refrigerated: 4 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 4 day(s)
Frozen (-70 °C): 37 month(s)

0060U Acetoacetate, Urine

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: 2 day(s)
Refrigerated: 14 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 7 day(s)
Frozen (-70 °C): 29 day(s)

1256SP Cholinesterase, Serum/Plasma

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

Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Serum or Plasma
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: 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: Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST).
Stability: Room Temperature: 30 day(s)
Refrigerated: 30 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 30 day(s)

10208SP Ketone Bodies Panel, Serum/Plasma (CSA)

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.

Stability: Room Temperature: Not Stable
Refrigerated: 4 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 4 day(s)
Frozen (-70 °C): 3 month(s)

2480SP Ketone Bodies Panel, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Stability was changed.



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Stability: Room Temperature: Not Stable
Refrigerated: 4 day(s)
Frozen (-20 °C): 4 day(s)
Frozen (-70 °C): 1 month(s)

2892B Methimazole, Blood

Summary of Changes: Reference Comment was changed.

Scope of Analysis: LC-MS/MS (80375): Methimazole
Method (CPT Code)

Compound Name	Units	Reference Comment
Methimazole	mcg/mL	Following single oral doses of 10 to 40 mg, average peak serum concentrations ranged from 0.2 to 0.8 mcg/mL at approximately 2 hours post dose. The blood to plasma ratio is unknown for this substance.