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<u>ELECTROPHORESIS, URINE PROTEIN</u>	10/1/2019	Stability Method	Updated to: AFTER SEPARATION FROM CELLS: Room Temperature (18-26°C): 2 hours; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 72 hours; Frozen (≤ -20°C): 28 days Updated to: Helena SPIFE 3000 Protein Electrophoresis, Beckman AU Colorimetry
<u>ELECTROPHORESIS, SERUM PROTEIN, WITH REFLEX IMMUNOFIXATION</u>	10/1/2019	Stability Method	Updated to: AFTER SEPARATION FROM CELLS: Room Temperature (18-26°C): 8 hours; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 7 days; Frozen (≤ -20°C): 3 months Updated to: Helena SPIFE 3000 Protein Electrophoresis and Immunofixation (if indicated), Siemens BN ProSpec Nephelometry (if indicated), Beckman AU Colorimetry
<u>ELECTROPHORESIS, URINE PROTEIN, WITH REFLEX IMMUNOFIXATION</u>	10/1/2019	Stability Method	Updated to: AFTER SEPARATION FROM CELLS: Room Temperature (18-26°C): 2 hours; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 72 hours; Frozen (≤ -20°C): 28 days Updated to: Helena SPIFE 3000 Protein Electrophoresis, Beckman AU Colorimetry
<u>IMMUNOELECTROPHORESIS, SERUM</u>	10/1/2019	Stability Method CPT Code(s)	Updated to: AFTER SEPARATION FROM CELLS: Room Temperature (18-26°C): 8 hours; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 7 days; Frozen (≤ -20°C): 3 months Updated to: Helena SPIFE 3000 Protein Electrophoresis and Immunofixation (if indicated), Siemens BN ProSpec Nephelometry (if indicated), Beckman AU Colorimetry Updated to: 86334: Immunoelectrophoresis, Serum 84155: Total Protein, Serum 82784 (X3): Gamma Globulin (IgG, IgA, and IgM) 84165: Protein Electrophoresis, Serum



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<u>ALBUMIN (MICROALBUMIN), URINE, TIMED</u>	10/1/2019	Stability	Updated to: Room Temperature (18-26°C): 7 days; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 28 days; Frozen (\leq -20°C): 28 days Do not exceed 8 freeze/thaw cycles.
<u>ALBUMIN/CREATININE RATIO, URINE</u>	10/1/2019	Stability	Updated to: Room Temperature (18-26°C): 48 hours; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 6 days; Frozen (\leq -20°C): 28 days Do not exceed 8 freeze/thaw cycles.
<u>CALCIUM/CREATININE RATIO, URINE</u>	10/1/2019	Handling Stability	Updated to: Legacy Laboratories will adjust the pH to 2 with 6N HCl before testing for urine calcium occurs. Updated to: Room Temperature (18-26°C): 48 hours; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 6 days; Frozen (\leq -20°C): 28 days
<u>CREATININE CLEARANCE</u>	10/1/2019	Stability	Updated to: SERUM OR PLASMA: AFTER SEPARATION FROM CELLS: Room Temperature (18-26°C): 24 hours; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 7 days; Frozen (\leq -20°C): 6 months URINE: Room Temperature (18-26°C): 2 days; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 6 days; Frozen (\leq -20°C): 28 days
<u>CREATININE, URINE, RANDOM</u>	10/1/2019	Stability	Updated to: Room Temperature (18-26°C): 48 hours; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 6 days; Frozen (\leq -20°C): 28 days Do not exceed 8 freeze/thaw cycles.
<u>CREATININE, URINE, TIMED</u>	10/1/2019	Stability	Updated to: Room Temperature (18-26°C): 48 hours; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 6 days; Frozen (\leq -20°C): 28 days Do not exceed 8 freeze/thaw cycles.
<u>PROTEIN/CREATININE RATIO, URINE</u>	10/1/2019	Stability	Updated to: Room Temperature (18-26°C): 8 hours; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 72 hours; Frozen (\leq -20°C): 28 days



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MAGNESIUM, URINE, RANDOM	10/02/2019	Handling	Updated to: Legacy Laboratories will adjust the pH to 2 with 6N HCl before testing occurs.
FOLATE, RBC	10/04/2019	Collect	Updated to: Whole Blood, two lavender (EDTA) top tubes. Two tubes are required if a hematocrit result performed within 24 hours of collection is not submitted with the order. See Handling section below for more detail.
		Handling	Updated to: FIRST Lavender Top Tube: Used for RBC Folate testing. Protect from light during collection, storage and shipment. Specimen must be well-mixed and transferred to an amber plastic vial (preferred) before freezing or to an aliquot tube protected from light. Freeze immediately. CRITICAL FROZEN. <i>Glass vacutainers are not suitable for freezing and transport.</i> SECOND Lavender Top Tube: Used for hematocrit testing. Refrigerate. (See Notes section under Testing Information below for explanation.) NOTE: Separate samples must be submitted in plastic container when multiple tests are ordered.
		Transport	Updated to: One EDTA lavender whole blood frozen and protected from light , one EDTA lavender whole blood refrigerated
		Note	Updated to: Hematocrit must be performed and indicated on the test request form. If the patient has not received a transfusion or experienced excessive bleeding between the RBC folate draw and the hematocrit draw, any hematocrit drawn within 24 hours of the RBC folate draw is acceptable. If hematocrit value is not known, a generic hematocrit value will be applied to calculate RBC Folate levels. The final calculated result may thus not correspond to the actual RBC level if the patient has received a transfusion, experienced excessive bleeding prior to RBC Folate specimen collection, or if the patient's hematocrit is significantly affected by other medical condition.



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QUANTIFERON-TB GOLD PLUS	10/04/2019	Handling	Updated to: Label each tube, placing the patient label on the tube so as not to block visibility of the black line on the tube. Keep tubes at ambient temperature (22°C ± 5°C) and transport to the laboratory as soon as possible. Due to multistep preanalytical process for this test, to ensure consistency of specimen processing, the specimens should be received by the laboratory no later than within 14 hours of collection.
B-TYPE NATRIURETIC PEPTIDE	10/21/2019	Handling	Updated to: Centrifuge and separate EDTA plasma from cells within 7 hours of collection. Freeze plasma if testing cannot be performed within 24 hours of collection. <i>Note: Freezing EDTA plasma within 24 hours of collection is critical to preserve integrity of specimen for testing due to preanalytical process for this test.</i> Before testing, allow samples to thaw at room temperature for 30 minutes before testing. Mix well. Thaw samples only once.
		Preferred Volume	Updated to: 1.0 mL EDTA Plasma
		Minimum Volume	Updated to: 0.4 mL EDTA Plasma (1.0 mL minimum whole blood draw)
		Transport	Updated to: EDTA WHOLE BLOOD: Refrigerated (2-8°C). Should be received no later than 4 hours from collection to allow for timely processing. EDTA PLASMA: Refrigerated (2-8°C). If transport is delayed longer than 24 hours from collection, plasma should be frozen (≤ -20°C).
		Stability	Updated to: EDTA WHOLE BLOOD: Room Temperature (18-26°C): 7 hours; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 7 hours; Frozen (≤ -20°C): Unacceptable EDTA PLASMA: Room Temperature (18-26°C): 7 hours; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 24 hours; Frozen (≤ -20°C): 1 month (NOTE: STABILITY IS FROM TIME OF COLLECTION AND NOT CENTRIFUGATION.)
BETA-2 GLYCOPROTEIN 1 IGA ANTIBODY ELISA	10/22/2019	Updated to new test	BETA-2 GLYCOPROTEIN 1 ANTIBODIES, Iga

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BETA-2 GLYCOPROTEIN 1 IGG IGM ABS ELISA	10/22/2019	Updated to new test	BETA-2 GLYCOPROTEIN 1 ANTIBODIES, IgG, IgM
BETA-2 GLYCOPROTEIN 1 ANTIBODIES, IgG, IgM, IgA	10/22/2019	New test	New test
CARDIOLIPIN ANTIBODY	10/22/2019	Updated to new tests	CARDIOLIPIN ANTIBODIES, IgA CARDIOLIPIN ANTIBODIES, IgG, IgM CARDIOLIPIN ANTIBODIES, IGG, IGM, IGA
NONALCOHOLIC STEATOHEPATITIS (NASH)	10/23/2019	New test	New test
PCA3 - PROSTATE CANCER BIOMARKER	10/23/2019	Deleted test	Deleted test
URINE PROSTATE CANCER BIOMARKER	10/23/2019	New test	New test
LUPUS ANTICOAGULANT PANEL WITH SEROLOGY	10/23/2019	Preferred Volume	Updated to: Four 2.7 mL whole blood (light blue top) or six 1.0 mL frozen plasma aliquots AND one gold (SST) tube or two 1.0 mL frozen serum aliquots.
		Minimum Volume	Updated to: Three 2.7 mL whole blood (light blue top) or four 1.0 mL frozen plasma aliquot AND one gold (SST) tube or two 0.5 mL frozen aliquots.
		Performed	Updated to: LA Test (dRVVT): Daily, Mon-Friday Cardiolipin Antibody: Monday, Friday Beta 2 Glycoprotein 1 Antibody: Monday, Friday
		Method	Updated to: Clotting (dRVVT)/Chemiluminescent Immunoassay



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<u>FLOW CYTOMETRY STUDIES - BAL</u>	10/24/2019	New test	New test
<u>LEUKEMIA/LYMPHOMA PHENOTYPING, BY FLOW CYTOMETRY</u>	10/24/2019	Update	Deleted BAL from all sections
<u>IMMUNOELECTROPHORESIS, SERUM</u>	10/24/2019	Method	Updated to: Helena SPIFE 3000 Protein Electrophoresis and Immunofixation, Siemens BN ProSpec Nephelometry, Beckman AU Colorimetry
<u>CYCLOSPORINE A, BLOOD</u>	10/30/2019	Stability	Updated to: Ambient (20-25°C): 7 days; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 1 month
<u>SIROLIMUS, BLOOD</u>	10/30/2019	Stability	Updated to: Ambient (20-25°C): 7 days; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 1 month
<u>TACROLIMUS, BLOOD</u>	10/30/2019	Stability	Updated to: Ambient (20-25°C): 7 days; Refrigerated (2-8°C): 1 month

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