



TEST UPDATES

Notification Date: July 2020

Test Description	Effective Date	Type of Change	Comments
<u>ERYTHROCYTE SEDIMENTATION RATE</u>	7/2/2020	Handling	Updated to: Do not under fill tube, collection tubes must be filled to a minimum of 1/2 of the maximum sample volume. Do not overfill tube, collection tubes must not be filled to more than the maximum sample volume.
		Preferred Volume	Updated to: 4.0 mL lavender (EDTA) top tube containing between 2.0 - 4.0 mL whole blood. 2.0 mL lavender (EDTA) top tube containing between 1.0 - 2.0 mL whole blood.
		Minimum Volume	Updated to: 1.0 mL
		Rejection Criteria	Updated to: Sodium citrate tubes are not acceptable. Microtainer, BD Map or RBT (raised bottom tubes), are not acceptable. Aliquot tubes are not acceptable. Over or under filled tubes are not acceptable. Frozen, clotted or hemolyzed samples are not acceptable.
		Stability	Updated to: 24 hours refrigerated (2-8°C) or 24 hours room temperature
		Method	Updated to: Rheology Technology
<u>BETA STREP RAPID SCREEN</u>	7/9/2020	Reported	Updated to: EIA: Same day, Culture Negative: 2 days
<u>CULTURE, BLOOD FOR FUNGUS</u>	7/9/2020	Stability	Updated to: Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: Unacceptable
<u>C DIFFICILE TOXIN DETECTION</u>	7/9/2020	Stability	Updated to: Ambient: 1 hour; Refrigerated: 3 days
<u>CULTURE, BLOOD</u>	7/9/2020	Comments	Updated to: Additional charges for identification of organisms (CPT 87077) and PCR (CPT 87641 or 87150) if applicable. Susceptibility tests are performed as appropriate (possible CPT 87186, 87184, 87181, 87147).
		CPT Codes	Updated to: 87040 (87077, 87641, 87186, 87184, 87181, 87147, 87150) as needed

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CULTURE, BRONCHIAL	7/9/2020	Guidelines Reported	Updated to: Removed link to Chlamydia and removed the word viral from PCR panel Updated to: Preliminary Negative: 1 day; Final Negative: 2-3 days
CULTURE, EAR	7/9/2020	Guidelines Reported Method	Updated to: This culture is for specimens inside the ear canal. Use Culture, Skin Superficial for external ear cultures. Order Culture, Fungus separately. If surgical, order Culture, Exudate. Updated to: Preliminary Negative: 1 day; Final Negative: 2-3 days Updated to: Standard Aerobic Bacterial Culture
CULTURE, EXIT SITE, DIALYSIS	7/9/2020	Reported	Updated to: Preliminary: 1 day; Final Negative: 2-3 days
CULTURE, NASAL	7/9/2020	Guidelines Reported	Updated to: Removed link to Chlamydia Updated to: Preliminary: 1 day; Final Negative: 2-3 days
CULTURE, BACTERIAL ORGANISM IDENTIFICATION	7/9/2020	Collect	Updated to: Submit a pure culture of the organism in suitable tube media or on sealed plate.
CULTURE, BETA STREP ONLY (GROUP A)	7/9/2020	Stability	Updated to: Ambient or Refrigerated: 24 hours



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<u>DRUGS OF ABUSE PANEL - COMPREHENSIVE, URINE</u>	7/10/2020	Includes	Updated to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amphetamine / Methamphetamine • Barbiturates • Benzodiazepines • Buprenorphine (presumptive) • Cocaine Metabolite • Ethanol • Fentanyl • Heroin Metabolite (6AM) • Hydrocodone / Morphine • Marijuana Metabolites • MDMA / MDA • Methadone • Oxycodone / Oxymorphone • Phencyclidine (PCP) • Propoxyphene • Salicylates • Tricyclic Antidepressants • Specimen Validity Testing • Also includes a Broad Spectrum Screen
<u>DRUGS OF ABUSE PANEL - INTERMEDIATE, URINE</u>	7/10/2020	Includes	Updated to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amphetamine / Methamphetamine • Barbiturates • Benzodiazepines • Buprenorphine (presumptive) • Cocaine Metabolite • Ethanol • Heroin Metabolite (6AM) • Hydrocodone / Morphine • Marijuana Metabolites • MDMA / MDA • Methadone • Oxycodone / Oxymorphone • Phencyclidine (PCP) • Propoxyphene • Specimen Validity Testing

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<u>DRUGS OF ABUSE PANEL - STANDARD, URINE</u>	7/10/2020	Includes	Updated to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amphetamine / Methamphetamine • Benzodiazepines • Cocaine Metabolite • Ethanol • Heroin Metabolite (6AM) • Hydrocodone / Morphine • Marijuana Metabolites • Oxycodone / Oxymorphone • Specimen Validity Testing
<u>DRUGS OF ABUSE PANEL - EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, URINE</u>	7/10/2020	Includes	Updated to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amphetamine / Methamphetamine • Barbiturates • Benzodiazepines • Cocaine Metabolite • Heroin Metabolite (6AM) • Hydrocodone / Morphine • Marijuana Metabolites • MDMA / MDA • Methadone • Oxycodone / Oxymorphone • Phencyclidine (PCP) • Tricyclic Antidepressants
<u>DRUGS OF ABUSE PANEL - NEONATAL AND DRUG ENDANGERED CHILD, URINE</u>	7/10/2020	Includes	Updated to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amphetamine / Methamphetamine • Benzodiazepines • Buprenorphine (presumptive) • Cocaine Metabolite • Heroin Metabolite (6AM) • Hydrocodone / Morphine • Marijuana Metabolites • Methadone • Oxycodone / Oxymorphone

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DRUGS OF ABUSE PANEL - SERUM OR PLASMA	7/10/2020	Includes	Updated to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amphetamine / Methamphetamine • Benzodiazepines • Cocaine Metabolite • Heroin Metabolite (6AM) • Hydrocodone / Morphine • Marijuana Metabolites • Methadone • Oxycodone
CULTURE, EYE	7/10/2020	Guidelines Reported	Updated to: Removed link to Chlamydia Updated to: Preliminary Negative: 1 day; Final Negative: 2-5 days.
CULTURE, FUNGUS	7/10/2020	Critical Values	Updated to: Culture positive for any dimorphic or pathogenic fungus. Positive corneal smear or culture. CSF positive for yeast or mould.
CULTURE, GENITAL	7/10/2020	Guidelines	Updated to: Removed link for Herpes Culture and replaced with Herpes PCR link
HELICOBACTER PYLORI STOOL ANTIGEN	7/10/2020	Performed Reported	Updated to: Mon-Fri, once on weekend Updated to: 24-48 Hours
CULTURE, LINES/HARDWARE	7/10/2020	Reported	Updated to: Final: 2-3 days
CULTURE, PLACENTA	7/10/2020	Guidelines	Updated to: Removed link for Chlamydia Detection
CULTURE, RESPIRATORY	7/10/2020	Reported	Updated to: Preliminary: 1 day; Final Negative: 2-3 days
CULTURE, SINUS	7/10/2020	Guidelines Reported	Updated to: Removed link for Chlamydia Updated to: Preliminary Negative: 1 day; Final Negative: 2-5 days
CULTURE, SKIN SUPERFICIAL	7/10/2020	Reported	Updated to: Preliminary: 1 day; Final Negative: 2-3 days

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<u>FECAL IMMUNOCHEMICAL OCCULT BLOOD (ANNUAL)</u>	7/10/2020	Performed	Updated to: Mon - Fri
<u>ORGANISM REFERRAL FOR SUSCEPTIBILITIES</u>	7/10/2020	Collect	Updated to: Submit a pure culture of the organism in suitable tube media or on sealed plate.
<u>PARASITE EXAM COMPREHENSIVE</u>	7/10/2020	Guidelines	Updated to: This complete microscopic examination for ova and parasites should be limited to patients with diarrhea and pertinent travel history, exposure history, an immunocompromised condition or a high pre-test probability for parasitic infection. The most common parasites (<i>Giardia</i> and <i>Cryptosporidium</i>) are best found using the stool antigen test only. See <u>Giardia and Cryptosporidium Detection</u>. In some clinical contexts, species-specific serology may be the preferred test. This exam does not include special stains to specifically detect <i>Cyclospora</i>, <i>Isospora</i> and <i>Microsporidium</i>. Please see <u>Laboratory Testing Algorithm for Infectious Causes of Diarrhea</u>.
<u>PINWORM DETECTION</u>	7/10/2020	Stability Reported	Updated to: Swube Collection: Ambient: 7 days, Frozen: Unacceptable Tape collection: Ambient: 24 hours, Refrigerated: 3 days, Frozen: Unacceptable Updated to: 24-72 Hours
<u>SMEAR, BLOOD PARASITE</u>	7/10/2020	Includes Comments	Updated to: Includes Malaria EIA test. If EIA test is positive, no further EIA testing will be performed and order is no longer STAT. Updated to: Infection with a blood parasite cannot be ruled out by a single blood sample. A determination of the parasitemia (number of parasites per 100 RBC's) will be made for <i>Plasmodium</i> and <i>Babesia</i> species. Procedure includes an EIA (CPT 87899).
<u>SMEAR, FUNGUS</u>	7/10/2020	Critical Values	Updated to: Positive corneal smears
<u>VAGINAL PATHOGENS DNA PROBE</u>	7/10/2020	Performed	Updated to: Mon-Fri, once on weekend
<u>BETA-2 GLYCOPROTEIN 1 ANTIBODIES, IgA</u>	7/30/2020	Performed	Updated to: Tuesday, Friday

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BETA-2 GLYCOPROTEIN 1 ANTIBODIES, IgG, IgM	7/30/2020	Performed	Updated to: Tuesday, Friday
BETA-2 GLYCOPROTEIN 1 ANTIBODIES, IgG, IgM, IgA	7/30/2020	Performed	Updated to: Tuesday, Friday
CARDIOLIPIN ANTIBODIES, IgA	7/30/2020	Performed	Updated to: Tuesday, Friday
CARDIOLIPIN ANTIBODIES, IgG, IgM	7/30/2020	Performed	Updated to: Tuesday, Friday
CARDIOLIPIN ANTIBODIES, IGG, IGM, IGA	7/30/2020	Performed	Updated to: Tuesday, Friday
ANTIBODY TO CORONAVIRUS SARS-COV-2, IGG, CIA	7/30/2020	Stability	Updated to: AFTER SEPARATION FROM CELLS: Ambient: 72 hours; Refrigerated: 7 days; Frozen: 21 days
LUPUS ANTICOAGULANT PANEL WITH SEROLOGY	7/30/2020	Performed	Updated to: LA Test (dRVVT): Daily, Mon-Friday Cardiolipin Antibody: Tuesday, Friday Beta 2 Glycoprotein 1 Antibody: Tuesday, Friday
UREAPLASMA SPECIES AND MYCOPLASMA HOMINIS CULTURE	7/30/2020	Collect	Updated to: Body fluid, CSF, semen, cervical or urethral swab, tissue, or urine. <u>Also acceptable</u>: Respiratory specimens from patients younger than 1 year of age.
		Handling	Updated to: Place swab or 0.5 mL of fluid (Min: 0.3 mL) in Mycoplasma/Ureaplasma transport media (UTM) immediately. Also acceptable is M4 refrigerated media.