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**NOTICE DATE:** March 1, 2017

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 28, 2017

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**TEST DISCONTINUED**

**Blood Culture, Quantitative**

Order Code: PBLDI/BLDI

Fee Code: 32263

Please note the MLabs Microbiology Laboratory has discontinued their Quantitative Blood Culture effective February 28, 2017, due to a lack of requests for this test. The laboratory will continue to perform routine Blood Cultures.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 7, 2017

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**NEW TEST**

**Metanephrines and Normetanephrines, Plasma**

Order Code: PMET

New Order Code: PMETN

Effective March 7, 2017, the MLabs Chemical Pathology Laboratory will begin offering plasma metanephrine testing by Tandem Mass Spectrometry (UPLC-MS/MS). This test is currently sent to Mayo Medical Laboratories. There will be no change to specimen collection and handling requirements.

The reference ranges will also remain the same: Metanephrine, Plasma <0.5 nmol/L; Normetanephrine, Plasma <0.9 nmol/L.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 8, 2017

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**TESTS DISCONTINUED**

**Mucopolysaccharides (MPS) Screen, Urine**

Order Codes: UMPS, UMPSQ

New Order Code: MPSSC

Effective March 8, 2017, the MLabs MMGL Biochemical Genetics Laboratory will discontinue the Mucopolysaccharides, Urine, Qualitative and Quantitative assays. Requests for this testing will be sent to Mayo Medical Laboratories for the Mucopolysaccharides (MPS) Screen, Urine (test ID MPSSC), which includes both qualitative and quantitative MPS analysis.

This is the preferred first-line screening test for mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS) and provides quantitative analysis of total glycosaminoglycans (GAGs) and qualitative liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) analysis of the specific sulfates that are associated with at least 13 different diseases. Note that an abnormal total GAG value may be obtained on a specimen that yields a normal LC-MS/MS pattern, and this artifact can occur when a patient is treated with low-molecular-weight heparin.