ATTN: IMPORTANT TEST INFORMATION

TEST UPDATE 516

NOTICE DATE: January 15, 2014

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 20, 2014

NEW TEST

Biliary Tract Malignancy by FISH
Order Code: MBTMF
Fee Code: NA005
CPT: 88368-TC x3. 88368-26 x3

The MLabs Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory will begin performing Biliary Tract Malignancy by FISH effective January 20, 2014.

This test detects aneuploidy of chromosomes 3, 7, and 17 via fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) in bile duct brushing and aspirate specimens. Detection of chromosomal gains is associated with malignancy. As an adjunct to conventional cytology this test may be useful in the assessment of pancreatobiliary strictures for malignancy.


Collection Instructions: Obtain bile duct brushing or aspirate. Place brush directly into a ThinPrep (Non-Gyn) or conical tube containing CytoLyt® solution, swirl the brush vigorously in the solution, then snip into the container, or place aspirate specimen into CytoLyt® container. Refrigerate.

Please note that specimens submitted in ThinPrep (Gyn) vials containing PreservCyt® are not acceptable.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 4, 2014

ENA PANEL CHANGE

Extractable Nuclear Antibody Panel ENA11
Order Code: ENA11
New Order Code: ENA10

Effective February 4, 2014, the double stranded DNA (ds-DNA) test performed as part of the Extractable Nuclear Antibody Panel ENA11 will be discontinued. Due to this change, a new ENA 10 Antibody Panel (ENA10) has been created and will replace ENA11. All other ENA testing remains the same.

MLabs recommends the DNA Antibody, Double-Stranded (order code ADNA) or the DNA Antibody, Double-Stranded, Crithidia Substrate (order code DNAIF) to detect and quantify ds-DNA)
EFFECTIVE DATE: January 27, 2014

TESTS DISCONTINUED

Adenovirus Culture
Order Code: ACULT
Fee Code: 38921

Viral Culture, Comprehensive Respiratory
Order Code: CRCMV
Fee Code: 35924

Effective January 27, 2014, Adenovirus Culture and Comprehensive Respiratory Virus Culture will no longer be offered by the MLabs Microbiology Laboratory. The recommended alternative test is the Respiratory Pathogen Panel by PCR (order code RPAN), which provides more sensitive molecular testing and has a shorter turnaround time.

MLabs will continue to offer the Viral Culture, Comprehensive Non-Respiratory (order code CVCUL).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014

FEE CHANGE

Clonazepam
Order Code: CLONZ
Fee Code: 20036
Reference Laboratory: Mayo CLONS (500108)

Please note that the fee for the Cloazepam assay has been revised to $101.84 effective January 1, 2014.

NOTICE DATE: January 15, 2014

PATIENT SAFETY: SPECIMEN TWO IDENTIFIER RULE

To ensure patient safety, MLabs policy requires that ALL specimen labels, including slides, must include BOTH the patient’s FIRST and LAST names as well as a SECOND IDENTIFIER such as the patient’s medical record number or date of birth. Acceptable second identifiers include, but are not limited to: date of birth, social security number, medical record number, accession number, requisition number, or specimen barcode label.

Specimens that do not include two person-specific identifiers will not be tested and MLabs will recommend that a new specimen be obtained if possible.

This policy is in keeping with the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) National Patient Safety Goals and The College of American Pathologists.

Please share this information with all staff. Thank you for your compliance.