

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, October 03, 2016

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 Updates

Test Code	Test Name	Test Name	Method / CPT Code	Specimen Req.	Stability	Scope	Units	Reference Comments	Discontinue
0568U	Benzodiazepines Screen, Urine			•	•				
8069U	DUID/DRE Panel (w/Alcohol), Urine (Forensic) (CSA) - LA			•	•				
8068U	DUID/DRE Panel, Urine (CSA) - LA			•	•				
1874U	Drug Screen (9 Panel), Urine			•	•				
8091U	Drugs of Abuse (11 Panel) and Alcohol Screen, Urine (Forensic)			•	•				
8101U	Drugs of Abuse (11 Panel) and Alcohol Screen, Urine (Forensic)			•	•				
1858U	Drugs of Abuse (9 Panel) and Alcohol Screen, Urine			•	•				
8096U	Drugs of Abuse Screen (11 Panel), Urine (Forensic)			•	•				
1864U	Drugs of Abuse Screen (9 Panel), Urine			•	•				
4113SP	Paliperidone, Serum/Plasma			•	•				
8061U	Postmortem, Basic w/o Alcohol, Urine (Forensic)			•	•				
8051U	Postmortem, Basic, Urine (Forensic)			•	•				
8050U	Postmortem, Urine Screen Add-on (6- MAM Quantification only)			•	•				
10050U	Postmortem, Urine Screen Add-on (6- MAM Quantification only) (CSA)			•	•				
90014U	TriCore Ref Labs Panel, Urine (CSA)			•	•				



568U Benzodiazepir	nes Screen, Urine
Summary of Changes:	Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed. Stability was changed.
Specimen Requirements:	3 mL Urine
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated
Specimen Container:	Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection:	Not Required
Special Handling:	None
Rejection Criteria:	Received Room Temperature. Received Frozen.
Stability:	Room Temperature: Not Stable Refrigerated: 21 day(s) Frozen (-20 °C): Not Stable
069U DUID/DRE Pan	el (w/Alcohol), Urine (Forensic) (CSA) - LA
Summary of Changes:	Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed. Stability was changed.
Specimen Requirements:	7 mL Urine
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated
Specimen Container:	Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection:	Not Required
Special Handling:	None
Rejection Criteria:	Received Room Temperature. Received Frozen.
Stability:	Room Temperature: Not Stable Refrigerated: 7 day(s) Frozen (-20 °C): Not Stable
068U DUID/DRE Pan	nel, Urine (CSA) - LA
Summary of Changes:	Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed. Stability was changed.
Specimen Requirements:	6 mL Urine
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated
Specimen Container:	-
Light Protection:	Not Required
Special Handling:	None
Rejection Criteria:	Received Room Temperature. Received Frozen.
Stability:	Room Temperature: Not Stable Refrigerated: 10 day(s) Frozen (-20 °C): Not Stable



874U Drug Screen (9	9 Panel), Urine
Summary of Changes:	Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed. Stability was changed.
Specimen Requirements:	5 mL Urine
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated
Specimen Container:	Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection:	Not Required
Special Handling:	None
Rejection Criteria:	Received Room Temperature. Received Frozen.
Stability:	Room Temperature: Not Stable Refrigerated: 10 day(s) Frozen (-20 °C): Not Stable
091U Drugs of Abus	e (11 Panel) and Alcohol Screen, Urine (Forensic)
Summary of Changes:	Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed. Stability was changed.
Specimen Requirements:	7 mL Urine
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated
Specimen Container:	Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection:	Not Required
Special Handling:	None
Rejection Criteria:	Received Room Temperature. Received Frozen.
Stability:	Room Temperature: Not Stable Refrigerated: 7 day(s) Frozen (-20 °C): Not Stable
101U Drugs of Abus	e (11 Panel) and Alcohol Screen, Urine (Forensic)
Summary of Changes:	Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed. Stability was changed.
Specimen Requirements:	7 mL Urine
Transport Temperature:	
· ·	Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection:	
Special Handling:	•
Rejection Criteria:	Received Room Temperature. Received Frozen.
Stability:	Room Temperature: Not Stable Refrigerated: 7 day(s) Frozen (-20 °C): Not Stable



358U Drugs of Abus	e (9 Panel) and Alcohol Screen, Urine
Summary of Changes:	Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed. Stability was changed.
Specimen Requirements:	5 mL Urine
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated
Specimen Container:	Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection:	Not Required
Special Handling:	None
Rejection Criteria:	Received Room Temperature. Received Frozen.
Stability:	Room Temperature: Not Stable Refrigerated: 10 day(s) Frozen (-20 °C): Not Stable
096U Drugs of Abus	e Screen (11 Panel), Urine (Forensic)
Summary of Changes:	Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed. Stability was changed.
Specimen Requirements:	6 mL Urine
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated
Specimen Container:	Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection:	Not Required
Special Handling:	None
Rejection Criteria:	Received Room Temperature. Received Frozen.
Stability:	Room Temperature: Not Stable Refrigerated: 10 day(s) Frozen (-20 °C): Not Stable
864U Drugs of Abus	e Screen (9 Panel), Urine
Summary of Changes:	Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed. Stability was changed.
Specimen Requirements:	5 mL Urine
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated
	Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection:	
Special Handling:	None
Rejection Criteria:	Received Room Temperature. Received Frozen.
Stability:	Room Temperature: Not Stable Refrigerated: 10 day(s) Frozen (-20 °C): Not Stable



113SP Paliperidone,	Serum/Plasma
Summary of Changes:	Specimen Requirements (Specimen Container) 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:	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:	Refrigerated: 14 day(s)
	Frozen (-20 °C): 36 month(s)
061U Postmortem, E	Basic w/o Alcohol, Urine (Forensic)
Summary of Changes:	Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed. Stability was changed.
Specimen Requirements:	7 mL Urine
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated
Specimen Container:	Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection:	Not Required
Special Handling:	None
Rejection Criteria:	Received Room Temperature. Received Frozen.
Stability:	Room Temperature: Not Stable Refrigerated: 10 day(s) Frozen (-20 °C): Not Stable
051U Postmortem, E	Basic, Urine (Forensic)
Summary of Changes:	Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed. Stability was changed.
Specimen Requirements:	7 mL Urine
Transport Temperature:	
	Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection:	Not Required
Special Handling:	None
Rejection Criteria:	
Stability:	



0050U Postmortem, U	Jrine Screen Add-on (6-MAM Quantification only) (CSA)
Summary of Changes:	Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed. Stability was changed.
Specimen Requirements:	2 mL Urine
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated
Specimen Container:	Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection:	Not Required
Special Handling:	None
Rejection Criteria:	Received Room Temperature. Received Frozen.
Stability:	Room Temperature: Not Stable Refrigerated: 10 day(s) Frozen (-20 °C): Not Stable
B050U Postmortem, U	Irine Screen Add-on (6-MAM Quantification only)
Summary of Changes:	Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed. Stability was changed.
Specimen Requirements:	2 mL Urine
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated
Specimen Container:	Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection:	Not Required
Special Handling:	None
Rejection Criteria:	Received Room Temperature. Received Frozen.
Stability:	Room Temperature: Not Stable Refrigerated: 10 day(s) Frozen (-20 °C): Not Stable
00014U TriCore Ref La	bs Panel, Urine (CSA)
Summary of Changes:	Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed. Stability was changed.
Specimen Requirements:	6 mL Urine
Transport Temperature:	Refrigerated
Specimen Container:	Plastic container (preservative-free)
Light Protection:	Not Required
Special Handling:	None
Rejection Criteria:	Received Room Temperature. Received Frozen.
Stability:	Room Temperature: Not Stable Refrigerated: 10 day(s)