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Test Updates

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, July 10, 2017

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 Code	Test Name	Test Name	Method / CPT Code	Specimen Req.	Stability	Scope	Units	Reference Comments	Discontinue
9185B	Fentanyl Analogues and Metabolites Screen, Blood								•
9185SP	Fentanyl Analogues and Metabolites Screen, Serum/Plasma								•
9185U	Fentanyl Analogues and Metabolites Screen, Urine								•
2456B	Isotretinoin (Qualitative), Blood								•
3214SP	Nitrous Oxide, Serum/Plasma								•
7678P	Plasma Renin Activity, Plasma								•
3784B	Potassium - Total, Blood			•					
3784R	Potassium - Total, RBCs			•					
3784SP	Potassium - Total, Serum/Plasma			•					



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3784B Potassium - Total, Blood

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed.

Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Blood
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Light Green top tube (Lithium Heparin)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: Clotted Blood specimens are not acceptable.
Submit in container with a non-Potassium based preservative/anticoagulant. Tubes containing Potassium based preservatives/anticoagulants are not acceptable.
Rejection Criteria: Tan top tube - plastic (K2EDTA). Pink top tube (EDTA). Light Blue top tube (Sodium Citrate). Gray top tube (Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate). White top tube (K2EDTA). Yellow top tube (ACD - Acid Citrate Dextrose). Lavender top tube (EDTA).

3784R Potassium - Total, RBCs

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed.

Specimen Requirements: 2 mL RBCs
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Light Green top tube (Lithium Heparin)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: Submit in container with a non-Potassium based preservative/anticoagulant. Tubes containing Potassium based preservatives/anticoagulants are not acceptable. Centrifuge and separate Plasma within two hours of collection. Leave RBCs in the original collection container and replace stopper.
Rejection Criteria: Received Room Temperature. Tan top tube - plastic (K2EDTA). Pink top tube (EDTA). Light Blue top tube (Sodium Citrate). Gray top tube (Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate). Yellow top tube (ACD - Acid Citrate Dextrose). White top tube (K2EDTA). Lavender top tube (EDTA).

3784SP Potassium - Total, Serum/Plasma

Summary of Changes: Specimen Requirements (Rejection Criteria) were changed.

Specimen Requirements: 1 mL Serum or Plasma
Transport Temperature: Refrigerated
Specimen Container: Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST), Red top tube (no additive)
Light Protection: Not Required
Special Handling: Hemolyzed Specimens are unsuitable for analysis. Submit in container with a non-



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Potassium based preservative/anticoagulant. Tubes containing Potassium based preservatives/anticoagulants are not acceptable. Promptly centrifuge and separate Serum or Plasma into a plastic screw capped vial using approved guidelines.

Rejection Criteria: Tan top tube - plastic (K2EDTA). Pink top tube (EDTA). Light Blue top tube (Sodium Citrate). Gray top tube (Sodium Fluoride / Potassium Oxalate). White top tube (K2EDTA). Lavender top tube (EDTA). Yellow top tube (ACD - Acid Citrate Dextrose).



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Test Code	Test Name	Alternative Test
9185B	Fentanyl Analogues and Metabolites Screen, Blood	9176B - Fentanyl and Metabolite Screen, Blood 9264B - Sufentanil Screen, Blood 0200B - Alfentanil, Blood
9185SP	Fentanyl Analogues and Metabolites Screen, Serum/Plasma	9176SP - Fentanyl and Metabolite Screen, Serum/Plasma 4240SP - Sufentanil, Serum/Plasma 0200SP - Alfentanil, Serum/Plasma
9185U	Fentanyl Analogues and Metabolites Screen, Urine	2079U - Fentanyl and Metabolite, Urine 9264U - Sufentanil Screen, Urine 9103U - Alfentanil Screen, Urine
2456B	Isotretinoin (Qualitative), Blood	2456SP - Isotretinoin (Qualitative), Serum/Plasma
3214SP	Nitrous Oxide, Serum/Plasma	No Alternate Tests Available
7678P	Plasma Renin Activity, Plasma	No Alternate Tests Available