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BILLING AND COMPLIANCE

2020 CPT code changes

Below is a detailed listing of the laboratory CPT code changes for the calendar year 2020 which will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

The Allina Health Laboratory test catalog will be updated to reflect the changes at that time.

Test Name	Test #	Excellian order	Current CPT	New CPT
ADALIMUMAB AND ANTI-ADALIMUMAB ANTIBODY	13581	LAB13581	82397 80299	82397 80145
INFLIXIMAB AND ANTI-INFLIXIMAB ANTIBODY	13579	LAB13579	82397 80299	82397 80230
LACOSAMIDE (VIMPAT)	8533	LAB8533	G0480	80235
VEDOLIZUMAB & ANTI VEDOLIZUMAB ANTIBODY	994	LAB994	82397 80299	82397 80280
VORICONAZOLE	13479	LAB13479	80299	80285

CHEMISTRY

Cardio CRP acceptable specimen change

Allina Health Laboratory has received communication from the manufacturer that, effective immediately, EDTA plasma is no longer an acceptable specimen type for the Cardio CRP assay.

Serum and lithium heparin plasma samples are the only acceptable specimen types.

	PREVIOUS	NEW
Collect:	1.0 mL serum - SST	1.0 mL serum - SST
Alternate Collect:	1.0 mL Li heparin plasma - lt green PST 1.0 mL EDTA plasma - lavender	1.0 mL Li heparin plasma - lt green PST
Container:	Serum Separator (SST), Plasma Separator (PST) or AHL False Bottom Plasma/Serum Transport tube	Serum (SST) or Plasma (PST) separator tube

CLIENT SERVICES

2019 Client satisfaction survey

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took the time to complete our 2019 Client Satisfaction Survey. The results of the survey are currently being compiled for us, and we will be contacting the winners of our gift cards, as well as anyone who requested that they be contacted, very soon.

COAGULATION

Processing & transport of specimens for special coagulation testing

It has come to our attention that the Allina Health Central laboratory is receiving an increasing number of specimens submitted for special coagulation testing that do not have tape over the patient label.

Please take time to have your staff, who process samples for special coagulation testing, review our instructional document titled [How to prepare a specimen for coagulation testing](#). This document has instructions regarding processing and labeling of transport tubes for special coagulation testing.

Labels must include two patient identifiers, indication that the container holds platelet poor plasma (a PPP spot label) and must have clear tape placed over the patient label. If the patient labels are not taped prior to freezing and transport, they can become very loose or can even fall off. Specimens that are missing labels must be rejected and could negatively impact patient care.

If you have any questions regarding the instructions for processing and/or labelling of specimens for special coagulation testing, contact your Allina Health Laboratory account representative.

MICROBIOLOGY

Vaginal /rectal OB strep culture obsolete

Effective November 19, 2019, the Vaginal/rectal OB strep culture became obsolete and was made unorderable.

The suggested alternative test is the Vaginal/rectal OB Strep PCR. The PCR assay will provide a more accurate and quicker method for detecting *Group B Streptococcus*.

Vaginal rectal OB strep by PCR now available

Effective November 19, 2019, Allina Health Laboratory began performing Vaginal Rectal *Group B Streptococcus* screens by polymerase chain reaction (PCR). The PCR methodology provides a more accurate and quicker detection of *Group B Streptococcus* than traditional culture.

Test Name:	Vaginal/rectal OB Strep by PCR
Test #	14203/LAB14203
Test abbreviation:	VRB
Collect:	Vaginal /rectal swab
Container:	ESwab Regular with Amies or other bacterial culture swab with Amies or Stuarts liquid transport media
Transport/Stability:	Refrigerated (2-8°C) - 6 days Ambient (15-30°C) - 24 hours
Performing Lab:	AHL - Microbiology; M
Days Set Up:	Mo - Su
Expected TAT:	2 days
Collection/ Processing Details:	If ONE swab is used, swab vagina first, then rectum. If TWO swabs are needed, use a sterile non-culture swab to collect the rectal specimen. Mix the rectal swab in the ESwab tube transport liquid and discard the swab. Use the ESwab to collect the vaginal specimen and place it in the inoculated transport liquid. A double bacterial culture swab is also acceptable.
Unacceptable:	List source as "Vaginal/rectal". Sources other than vaginal/rectal Vaginal only or rectal only; must be a combined vaginal/rectal collection. Any collection device other than the ESwabs listed Specimen exceeding time limits above.
Method:	Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
CPT:	87150

Interfaced clients: Please contact your account representative to arrange for build and testing of this assay if this is a test that will be utilized at your practice.

REFERRAL TESTING

Immunoglobulin total light chains, urine, now orderable

Effective immediately, the Immunoglobulin total light chains, urine assay (MCL #TLCU) is orderable with a unique test code, and no longer requires the use of the Miscellaneous sendout (994/LAB994) test code.

Test Name:	Immunoglobulin total light chains, urine
Test Number:	7873
Collect:	24 hr urine collection, no preservative
Minimum Volume:	10 mL
Alternate Collect:	10 mL random urine
Container:	Mayo Screw Cap transfer vial
Processing:	Submit mixed aliquot
Transport/Stability:	Refrigerated (preferred) - 7 days Ambient (OK) - 72 hours Frozen (OK) - 20 days
Alternate Names:	Immunoglobulin light chains Kappa light chains Kappa/Lambda light chains Lambda light chains Urine light chains
	ILU LAB7873
Performing Lab:	Mayo Clinic Laboratories (TLCU/87934); R-NX
Days Set Up:	Mo - Sa
Expected TAT:	1 - 3 days
Ref. Ranges:	Kappa Total: <0.9 mg/dL Lambda Total: <0.7 mg/dL Kappa/Lambda Ratio: 0.70-6.20
Collection/	24 hr urine collection (preferred) - refrigerated no preservative.
Processing Details:	Temperature controls must occur within 4 hours of completion of collection. Submit a 10mL aliquot from 24 hour collection or 10 mL random urine in a 13 mL Screw cap Urine tube.
Method:	Nephelometry
CPT Codes:	83883 x 2
Supply Connection:	Mayo Screw cap transfer vial
Additional Information:	Mayo Urine Preservatives - Collection and Transportation for 24-Hr Urine Specimens

Platelet antibody identification panel available

The Platelet antibody identification panel is referred to Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin. It includes testing for antibodies against HPA-1a/b, HPA-2a/b, HPA-3a/b, HPA-4a, HPA-5a/b, GPIIb/IIIa, GPIa/IIa, GPIb/IX, GPIV and Class I HLA.

Test Name:	Platelet antibody identification panel
Test Number:	5218
Collect:	5 mL serum - red
Minimum Volume:	3 mL
Container:	AHL False Bottom Plasma/Serum Transport Tube
Processing:	Spin and separate.
Transport/	Refrigerated - 7 days
Stability:	Frozen (OK)
Alternate Names:	Platelet Aby ID panel
	AID
	LAB5218
Performing Lab:	Versiti / Blood Centers of WI (5608); R-NX
Expected TAT:	7 days
Ref. Ranges:	Negative
Collection/	This panel includes testing for antibodies against HPA-1a/b, HPA-2a/b, HPA-3a/b, HPA-4a, HPA-5a/b, GPIIb/IIIa, GPIa/IIa, GPIb/IX, GPIV and Class I HLA.
Processing Details:	
Method:	Platelet Antibody Bead Array (PABA) and Flow Cytometry
CPT Codes:	86022
Additional Information:	Versiti request form

Pricing/fees:

Versiti has announced a fee increase effective 1/1/2020. If this is a test that your site will utilize and Allina Health Laboratory bills your facility for testing performed, contact your account representative for current and future pricing information.

Interfaced clients:

Contact your account representative to arrange for build and testing of this assay if this is a test that will be utilized at your practice.

WEBSITE

Upcoming website changes

Allina Health Laboratory is currently in the process of upgrading our website.

As a part of the project, our URL will change from www.allinahealth.org/laboratory to www.allinahealth.org/allinahealthlaboratory and once the new website is active, our current URL will no longer work.

In preparation for a smooth launch of the new site, any shortcuts or bookmarks to the Allina Health Laboratory website that you may have should be updated to the new www.allinahealth.org/allinahealthlaboratory URL by the end of November.

If you have any questions about this, please contact your account representative for assistance.

We are thankful for wonderful customers like you
this Thanksgiving.

Our team has really enjoyed serving you this year, and
we wanted to share our heartfelt appreciation.