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## BILLING AND COMPLIANCE

### Bone marrow study CPT code change

#### Quick reference

Effective September 20, 2022 there was a CPT code update for the Bone marrow study 851/LAB851.

#### Details

Previous CPT	New CPT
88313	88313 x 4

## COAGULATION

### aPTT reference range update

#### Quick Reference

Effective Sept 20, 2022 the aPTT reference range was updated.

#### Details

	Current (seconds)	New (seconds)
Normal Reference Range	25 - 36	24 - 33
Heparin Therapeutic Range	76 - 99	70 - 95

## HELP US HELP YOU

### Keeping your provider list current

To ensure accurate reports as well as accurate billing of insurance claims, please review your Allina Health Laboratory request forms on a regular basis to make sure that we are maintaining a complete and accurate provider listing for your facility.

If any updates (removals or additions) are needed, please submit a completed [Provider change request](#) form, available on the billing page of our website, or contact your Account Representative for assistance.

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# MICROBIOLOGY

## RSV, Rapid Antigen

### Quick reference

Effective October 1, 2022, the RSV, Rapid Antigen assay (6533A/LAB6533A) will no longer be performed at Allina Health Laboratory.

### Details

Allina Health Laboratory has validated instrumentation to increase capacity for COVID and Influenza PCR testing at all hospital sites. RSV PCR testing is available with results available less than 24 hours from receipt at the performing laboratory.

- The Pediatric COVID/Flu/RSV Panel (14423/LAB14423) is restricted to children <6 years old who do not require hospitalization.
- The RSV by NAAT (14483/LAB14483) is available without age restriction, also, to those not requiring hospitalization. To note, if testing for COVID plus Influenza and/or RSV is needed, two (2) separate NP swabs are required. One for COVID/FLU and one for RSV.
- Respiratory Panel Multiplex PCR (12653/LAB12653) test remains available for emergency department/observation patients, in-patients, and high-risk outpatients (immunocompromised or underlying cardiac/lung conditions) presenting with signs and symptoms of acute respiratory illness.

### Order and collection instructions

Patient Age	Orders	Collect
Any age	COVID 19 Collection [LAB14315] and Influenza A/B PCR [LAB8810]	1 NP swab required if both tests ordered simultaneously.
< 6 years ONLY	Pediatric COVID/Flu/RSV Panel [LAB14423]	1 NP swab
Any age	Respiratory Panel Multiplex PCR [LAB12653]	1 NP swab
Any age	RSV by NAAT [LAB14483]	1 NP swab may not be shared with other above tests.

# MICROBIOLOGY

## Enterovirus RNA PCR, CSF

### Quick reference

Effective September 6, 2022 the Enterovirus RNC PCR, CSF assay was discontinued.

### Details

The suggested alternative is the Meningitis/Encephalitis (ME) pathogen multiplex PCR, CSF (14504/LAB14504), performed at Allina Health Laboratory. The ME multiplex PCR , CSF assay uses rapid detection for the six most common viruses causing encephalitis, including Enterovirus.

### Meningitis/Encephalitis (ME) pathogen multiplex PCR, CSF-14504

Test info	Specimen	Performance	Clinical and Interpretive info	Billing	Tracking
Test name:		Meningitis/Encephalitis (ME) pathogen multiplex PCR, CSF			
Test number:	14504				
Excellian order number:	LAB14504				
Abbreviation:	ME-CSF				
Alternate names:	ME, CSF panel				

## REFERRAL TESTING

### Monkey pox

### Quick reference

Effective immediately, the Monkeypox (Orthopoxvirus), DNA, PCR will be orderable with a unique test code and will no longer require the use of the Miscellaneous send out (994/LAB994) test code.

### Details

	Current	NEW
Test number	994/LAB994	14585/LAB14585
Abbreviation	MSO	Monkeypox
Performing Lab	LabCorp (140230): R-LC	LabCorp (140230): R-LC

# REFERRAL TESTING

## Kidney stone urine saturation

### Quick reference

Effective September 26, 2022, the [Kidney stone urine/saturation 13502/LAB13502](#) assay will require new specimen requirements.

### Details

The use of a [Kidney stone urine saturation collection kit](#) will be used to collect, process and freeze the sample before sending to LabCorp. This kit is currently available through the supply catalog.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Allina Health Laboratory Client Services or your Account representative.

## Ganglioside antibodies

### Quick reference

Effective immediately, the Ganglioside (Asialo-GM1) antibodies IgG/IgM assay will be orderable with a unique test code and will no longer require the use of the Miscellaneous send out (994/LAB994) test code.

### Details

	Current	<i>NEW</i>
<b>Test number</b>	994/LAB994	14561/LAB14561
<b>Abbreviation</b>	MSO	Ganglioside
<b>Performing Lab</b>	ARUP Laboratories via LabCorp (830700): R-NX	ARUP Laboratories via LabCorp (830700): R-NX

# SUPPLIES

## 6N HCL 24-hr urine container shortage

### Quick reference

Due to a severe shortage of the 6N HCL 24-hour urine collection jugs, all sites will need to limit the use of this supply by using alternate collection containers when indicated. Alternate collection alerts are in the [Allina Health Laboratory Test Catalog](#).

When reviewing orders for 24-hour urine collection, and the preferred collection indicates 6N HCL, please provide the alternate acceptable preservative.

Exception: The following assays indicate no other alternative to 6N HCL. Guidance for alternate testing is provided below. Orders received at an Allina facility for these affected assays will be cancelled and faxed communication follow up will be sent to the provider.

### Details

Test	Alternative test and container
Catecholamines, Fractionated, Urinary Free, 24-Hour Urine 13490/LAB13490	Metanephrines 13491/LAB13491 24-hr urine collection container- no additive
Magnesium, 24-hour Urine 994/LAB994	Urine magnesium, random urine 14221/LAB14221 Screw cap plastic container (sterile) or Kidney stone urine/saturation, 24-hour urine 13502/LAB13502 24-hr urine collection container- LabCorp collection kit
Oxalate, Quantitative, 24-Hour Urine 13487/LAB13487	Urine oxalate:creatinine ratio, random urine 994/LAB994 Screw cap plastic container (sterile) or Kidney stone urine/saturation, 24-hour urine 13502/LAB13502 24-hr urine collection container- LabCorp collection kit

Urine catecholamines should be reserved for auxiliary testing when plasma and urine metanephrine results do not exclude pheochromocytoma. If this is the indication, please contact Client Services at (612) 863-4678.

# SUPPLIES

## Metal free tube supply

### Quick reference

The national supply chain of metal free tubes continues to be strained. However, Allina Health Laboratory has obtained slightly more inventory and will transition from fixed allocation to fulfillment through the Allina Health Supply Catalog.

### Details

All conservation efforts remain in place:

- Utilizing all tubes right up until expiration date and reallocating supply throughout the system
- Deferring non-critical testing that can be delayed until additional tube supply can be obtained.
- Utilizing alternative blood collection tube containers whenever possible.
- Best practice restrictions are still in place for zinc, copper, and selenium test orders.

When additional supply of Navy Blue Metal Free EDTA, Navy Blue No Additive, and Tan metal free K2EDTA blood collection tubes is needed:

- Submit a request through the AHL Supply catalog for (5) five or less
- Orders for greater than (5) five will not be honored.
- Monthly allocations will no longer be sent.

Continue to collect zinc, selenium, and copper in Navy top tubes.

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