



LAB-LINK

NEW AND UPDATED
LABORATORY TESTING INFORMATION

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CPT (Current & Procedural Terminology) is a trademark of the AMA. Codes listed are guidelines and are for informational purposes only. Coding questions should be directed to the third party payor and/or the AMA. OIG guidelines recommend tests ordered should be reasonable and necessary for the patient, given their clinical condition. Physicians who order medically unnecessary tests for which Medicare reimbursement is claimed may be subject to penalties. Individual components of profiles or panels may be ordered individually at an additional charge. Physicians who consider Reflex testing unnecessary may order an initial test without the Reflexed test. Reflex or confirmation tests are performed at an additional charge.

TEST CHANGE

The following test change will be effective on the date indicated below. Please note that the changes are listed in bold, italicized type. Additional information regarding the change will be provided where applicable.

Kleihauer-Betke Test (KLB)	
Description of Change:	Changing KLB reporting units from mL to % (percent).
Effective Date:	01/09/2018
Suggested CPT Code:	85460
Methodology:	Manual
Testing Schedule:	Routine daily, STAT testing available
Report Availability:	1 day
Specimen Requirements:	Minimum Volume: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1.5 mL whole blood Container: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lavender top tube, EDTA
Reference Range:	0%
Clinical Utility:	Used to determine possible fetal-maternal hemorrhage.

For more information, please contact Lisa Crowthers at 877-402-4223.

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Biotin Interference in Immunoassay Testing

Effective Date:	12/21/2017
Clinical Utility:	High dose biotin therapy may interfere with immunoassays utilizing streptavidin-biotin complex as used by most IVD manufacturers, including HNL's. This interference may produce a positive or negative bias depending on assay format. If your immunoassay result for any patient is clinically inconsistent, contact the laboratory to discuss alternative analysis.

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