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TEST CHANGES:

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

Bordetella pertussis Antibody Profile	
Effective Date:	07/06/2009
Test Code:	BPABP
Includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>PT IgG, and IgA</i>• <i>FHA IgG and IgA</i>
CPT Code:	86615 x 4
Alternate Name:	Bordetella Abs; Bordetella titer; B. pertussis Ab; Pertussis Antibody Profile
Methodology:	<i>Multi-Analyte Immunodetection (MAID)</i>
Testing Schedule:	<i>Routine, daily Mon.-Fri.</i>
Report Available:	3-5 days
Specimen Requirements:	Minimum Volume: 2 mL serum Container: Gold top (serum separator) tube
Special Instructions:	Refrigerate
Reference Range:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>PT IgG <40 units/mL</i>• <i>PT IgA <5 units/mL</i>• <i>FHA IgG <84 units/mL</i>• <i>FHA IgA <39 units/mL</i>
Clinical Utility:	<i>Levels of antibodies recognizing pertussis toxin (PT) and filamentous hemagglutinin (FHA) are typically increased following either vaccination or natural exposure to Bordetella pertussis. Detection of IgG antibodies is more sensitive than detection of IgA antibodies, since not all vaccinated or exposed individuals mount a detectable IgA response. Increased levels of FHA antibodies alone may represent cross-reactive antibodies induced by infection with other Bordetella species, Mycoplasma pneumoniae, Chlamydia pneumoniae, or nonencapsulated Haemophilus influenzae.</i>

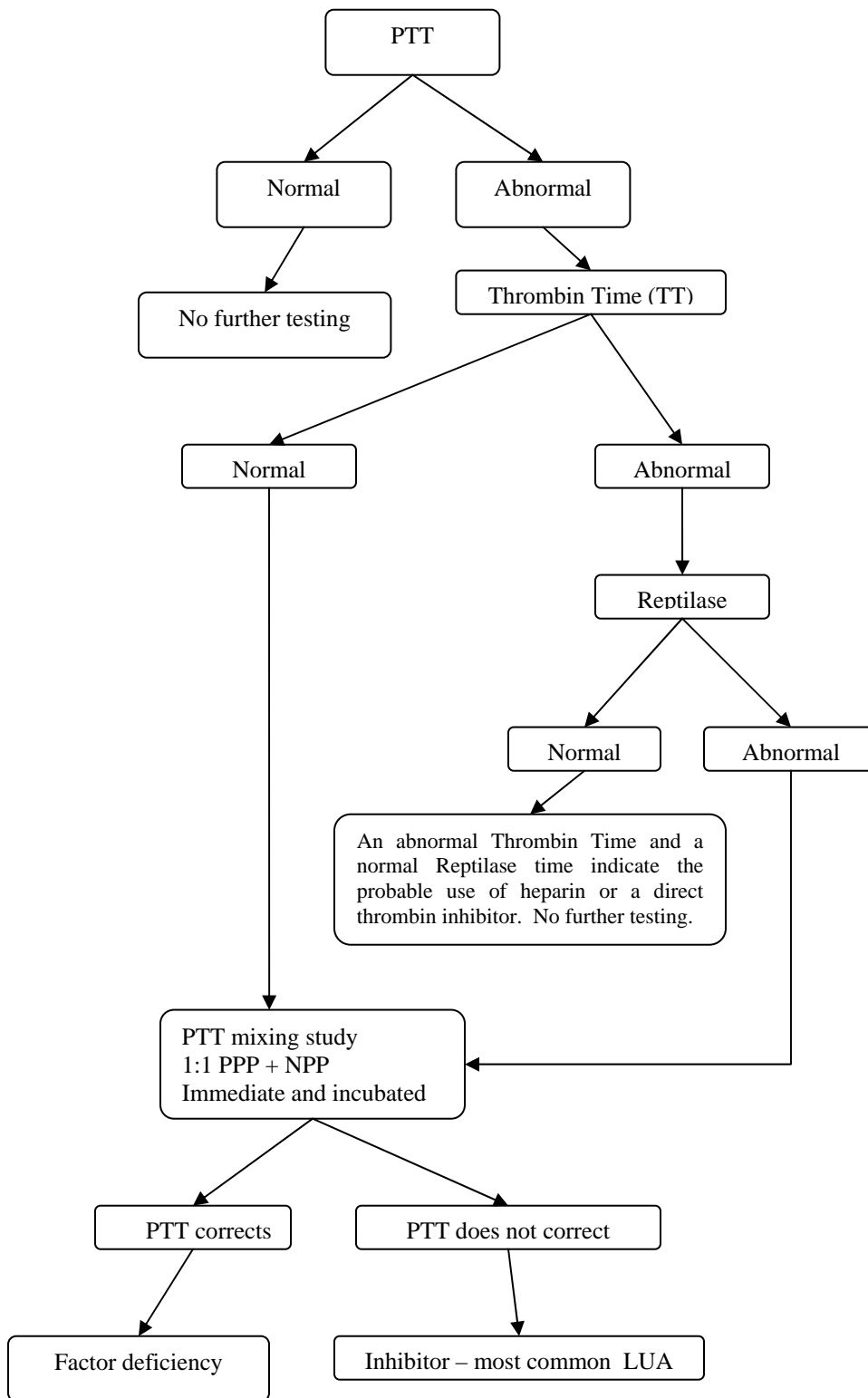
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TEST CHANGES:

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Mixing Study, Partial Thromboplastin Time	
Description of Change:	The PTT mixing study has been expanded to include a Thrombin Time and Reptilase Time. These tests are used to detect the presence of heparin or a direct thrombin inhibitor in a sample. The PTT mixing study will not be performed on samples containing heparin or a direct thrombin inhibitor. See PTT mixing study testing algorithm on the back of this page.
Effective Date:	09/01/2009
Test Code:	PTTPR
Includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PTT</i> • <i>PTT mixing study (immediate and incubated) when appropriate</i> • <i>Thrombin Time (TT) reflexed when appropriate</i> • <i>Reptilase Time (REPTL) reflexed when appropriate</i>
CPT Code:	<i>85730, Reflexed when appropriate, 85732 (X2), 85670, 85635</i>
Alternate Name:	<i>PTT mixing study; PTT Profile</i>
Methodology:	Mechanical Clot Detection
Testing Schedule:	Routine, Monday-Friday only
Report Available:	<i>2-3 days</i>
Specimen Requirements:	Minimum Volume: 5 mL citrated plasma Container: <i>4 FULL Blue top (sodium citrate) tubes</i> Collection: See special handling instructions for "Coagulation Studies", listed under Specimen Collection, Preparation, and Handling Section.
Special Instructions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Testing is contraindicated for patients on heparin or Coumadin therapy.</i> • <i>Transport to the laboratory immediately.</i> • <i>If testing cannot be performed within 4 hours of collection, platelet pour plasma must be prepared prior to freezing.</i> • <i>Immediately centrifuge specimens at 1700 to 2000 g for 10 minutes</i> • <i>Remove the plasma and dispense into plastic aliquot tube. Spin aliquot for 10 minutes.</i> • <i>Remove the plasma and dispense into another plastic aliquot tube. Spin new aliquot for 10 minutes. Transfer plasma into 8 aliquot tubes and freeze.</i> • <i>Once frozen, specimens should be submerged in dry ice for transport.</i>
Reference Range:	<i>See report.</i>
Critical Values:	<i>PTT \geq95.0 seconds*</i> <i>* Value varies with reagent lot.</i>
Clinical Utility:	<i>A PTT mixing study can differentiate between a coagulation factor deficiency or the presence of an inhibitor.</i>

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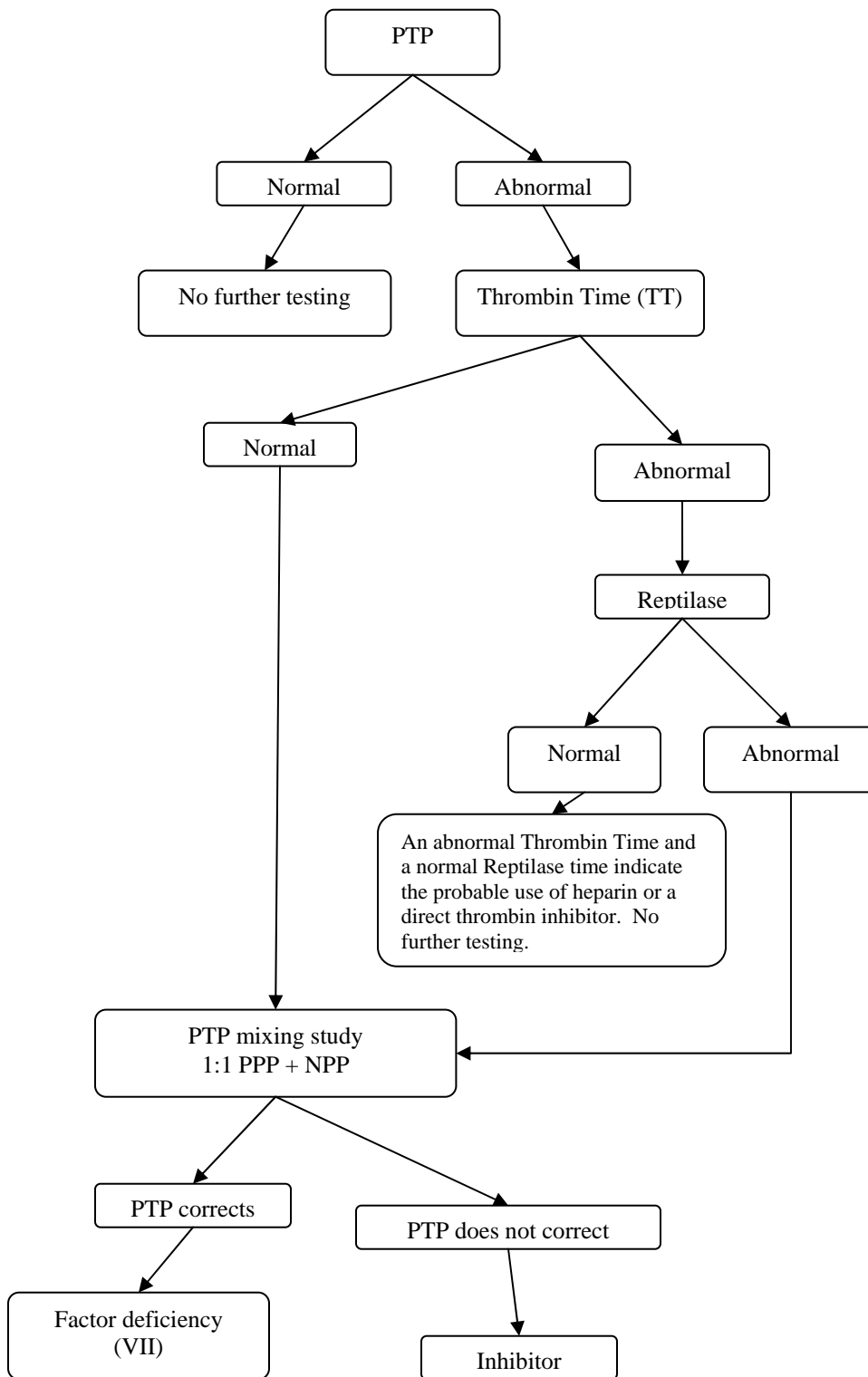
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Mixing Study, Prothrombin Time	
Description of Change:	The PT mixing study has been expanded to include a Thrombin Time and Reptilase Time. These tests are used to detect the presence of heparin or a direct thrombin inhibitor in a sample. The PT mixing study will not be performed on samples containing heparin or a direct thrombin inhibitor. See PT mixing study testing algorithm on the back of this page.
Effective Date:	09/01/2009
Test Code:	PTPRF
Includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PT</i> • <i>PT mixing study reflexed when appropriate</i> • <i>Thrombin Time (TT) reflexed when appropriate</i> • <i>Reptilase Time (REPTL) reflexed when appropriate</i>
CPT Code:	<i>85610, Reflexed when appropriate, 85611, 85670, 85635</i>
Alternate Name:	<i>PT mixing study; PT Profile</i>
Methodology:	<i>Mechanical Clot Detection</i>
Testing Schedule:	Routine, Monday-Friday only
Report Available:	<i>2-3 days</i>
Specimen Requirements:	Minimum Volume: 5 mL citrated plasma Container: <i>4 FULL Blue top (sodium citrate) tubes</i> Collection: See special handling instructions for "Coagulation Studies", listed under Specimen Collection, Preparation, and Handling Section.
Special Instructions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Testing is contraindicated for patients on heparin or Coumadin therapy.</i> • <i>Transport to the laboratory immediately.</i> • <i>If testing cannot be performed within 4 hours of collection, platelet poor plasma must be prepared prior to freezing.</i> • <i>Immediately centrifuge specimens at 1700 to 2000 g for 10 minutes</i> • <i>Remove the plasma and dispense into plastic aliquot tube. Spin aliquot for 10 minutes.</i> • <i>Remove the plasma and dispense into another plastic aliquot tube. Spin new aliquot for 10 minutes. Transfer plasma into 8 aliquot tubes and freeze.</i> • <i>Once frozen, specimens should be submerged in dry ice for transport..</i>
Reference Range:	<i>See report.</i>
Critical Values:	<i>PT >45.7 seconds*</i> <i>INR >4.9</i> <i>* Value varies with reagent lot.</i>
Clinical Utility:	<i>A PT mixing study can differentiate between a coagulation factor deficiency or the presence of an inhibitor.</i>

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DISCONTINUED TEST ANNOUNCEMENT

The following test was discontinued effective: 06/22/2009.

Hydroxyproline, Total, 24-Hour Urine

Test Code: **HPRO**

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