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Effective Immediately

Specimen Packaging:

Process improvement is one of our top priorities. As such, we have taken some time to review our processes with the aim of improving turnaround times (TATs). We have identified an opportunity to include your involvement in this effort:

When packaging specimens for courier to pick up, we ask that cytology and histology specimens be kept separate from the blood and urine specimens as they are delivered to different locations within lab. This modification in specimen packaging will allow for your specimens to be delivered to the team who can promptly begin the testing process.

Histoplasma and Blastomyces Orderable Update:

The following orderables will now be sent to Mayo Clinic Laboratories for testing.

Test Name: Blastomyces Ab by ID (BLASTOIM)

Performing Laboratory: Mayo Clinic Laboratories

Mayo Code: SBL

Acceptable Specimens: Serum from Gold SST and Red Top tube.

Minimum Volume: 1 mL

Stability: Refrigerated: 14 days (preferred), Frozen: 14 days.

CPT: 86612

Client List Price: \$43.00

Patient/Insurance Price: \$43.00

Rejection: Gross hemolysis and lipemic specimens.

Test Name: Blastomyces Ag Quant Fluid (FBMO)

Performing Laboratory: Mayo Clinic Laboratories.

Mayo Code: FBMO

Acceptable Specimens: CSF collected in sterile container and BAL collected in sterile container.

Minimum Volume: 2 mL of CSF or BAL.

Stability: Refrigerated: 14 days (preferred), Ambient: 14 days.

CPT: 87449

Client List Price: \$157.00

Patient/Insurance Price: \$157.00

Rejection: Specimens that are too viscous to pipette. Tissue, biopsy, sputum, bronchial brush, tracheal aspirate, FNA, bone marrow aspirate, stool or samples in transport media, fixative or Isolator tube.

Test Name: Histoplasma Ab by CF/ID (HISTO CF)
Performing Laboratory: Mayo Clinic Laboratories
Mayo: HISER
Acceptable Specimens: Serum from Gold SST and Red Top tube.
Minimum Volume: 2 mL
Stability: Refrigerated: 14 days (preferred), Frozen: 14 days.
CPT: 86698 X2
Client List Price: \$53.50
Patient/Insurance Price: \$53.50
Rejection: Gross hemolysis and lipemic specimens.

Inactive Orderable:

Test Name: Histoplasma Antigen, Blood (HISAG)
Performing Laboratory: Warde Laboratories.
Notes: See Histoplasma and Blastomyces Ag Blood orderable below.

Inactive Orderable:

Test Name: Histoplasma Urine Antigen (HISTOPL UR)
Performing Laboratory: Warde Laboratories.
Notes: See Histoplasma and Blastomyces Ag Urine orderable below.

New Orderables:

Test Name: Histoplasma and Blastomyces Ag Blood (HIBAG)
Performing Laboratory: Mayo Clinic Laboratories.
Mayo: HIBAG
Acceptable Specimens: Serum from Gold SST and Red top tube.
Minimum Volume: 2 mL
Stability: Refrigerated: 28 days (preferred), Frozen: 28 days, Ambient: 72 hours
CPT: 87449
Client List Price: \$179.00
Patient/Insurance Price: \$179.00
Rejection: Gross hemolysis, lipemic, icteric, or heat-inactivated specimens.

Test Name: Histoplasma and Blastomyces Ag Urine (UHBAG)
Performing Laboratory: Mayo Clinic Laboratories.
Mayo: UHBAG
Acceptable Specimens: Urine random specimen with no preservatives.
Minimum Volume: 2 mL
Stability: Refrigerated: 14 days (preferred), Frozen: 28 days, Ambient: 7 days.
CPT: 87449
Client List Price: \$179.00
Patient/Insurance Price: \$179.00
Rejection: Gross hemolysis and turbid colored urine.
Note: Do not centrifuge urine specimen to remove particulates.