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## Des Moines Laboratory Update

**Date: February 24, 2023**

### **COVID Screen Discontinuation**

Effective March 1st, MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory will be transitioning away from the high-throughput methodology for COVID Screening (COVIDQ) due to dramatically reduced volume. COVID Screen testing will be exclusively available through the 'SARS-CoV-2' (SARSCOV2) orderable moving forward, **which will require collection via viral transport media (VTM)**. Please review the information below for additional clarification.

#### **Discontinued Orderable:**

**Test Name:** COVIDQ

**Performing Laboratory:** MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory

**CPT:** U0003, U0005

**Test Methodology:** PCR

#### **Available Orderable:**

**Test Name:** Coronavirus 2019 Novel, SARS-CoV-2 (SARSCOV2)

**Performing Laboratory:** MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory

**CPT:** U0002

**Test Methodology:** PCR

**Client List price:** \$105.00

### **Automatic SRA Reflex for Positive HIT ELISA**

Effective March 1st, positive results for Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia (HIT) Ab ELISA testing will automatically reflex to a sendout Serotonin Release Assay (SRA) order. This will reduce the need for ordering SRA testing alongside HIT ELISA testing, and will ultimately limit the instances of canceled SRA testing following a negative HIT ELISA result. However, clients may still choose to order standalone SRA testing if desired, using the Serotonin Release Assay orderable (Test Code: SRA). See below for details.

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**Inactivate Orderable (Effective March 1, 2023):**

**Test Name:** Serotonin Release Assay (SRA)

**Performing Laboratory:** Versiti

**New Orderables (Effective March 1, 2023):**

**Test Name:** Serotonin Release Assay (SRA)

**Performing Laboratory:** Mayo Clinic Laboratories

**Acceptable Specimens:** Serum from Red Top Tube

**Minimum Volume:** 1 mL

**Stability: Froz: 2 years (preferred) and Refrig: 7 days**

**CPT:** 82542

**Client List Price:** \$372.00

**Patient/Insurance Price:** \$372.00

**Rejection:** Serum Gel/SST are not acceptable and gross Lipemic.

**Note:** After collection, specimen should sit at ambient temperature for a minimum of 1 hour in order to clot completely. Centrifuge and aliquot specimen. Specimen should be frozen if shipped or stored greater than 48 hours.

**Inactivate Orderable (Effective Immediately):**

**Test Name:** Culture, Fungal Blood (C FUNGB)

**Performing Laboratory: MercyOne Des Moines Laboratories.**

**Note:** See orderable Fungal Culture, Blood below.

**New Orderables (Effective Immediately):**

**Test Name:** Fungal Culture, Blood (FBL)

**Performing Laboratory: Mayo Clinic Laboratories.**

**Acceptable Specimens:** Whole blood from Green top (heparin) tube. No Gel tubes.

**Minimum Volume:** 5 mL

**Stability:** Ambient: 7 days (preferred) and Refrig: 7 days.

**CPT:** 87015 and 87103

**Client List Price:** \$147.00

**Patient/Insurance Price:** \$147.00

**Rejection:** Specimens collected in blood culture bottles (ex: BACTEC MycoF Lytic).

**Note:** Send specimen in original tube. Do not aliquot.

**Note:** If reflex testing is needed, additional charges may be performed.

**Test Name:** Fungal Culture, Bone Marrow (FGEN)

**Performing Laboratory: Mayo Clinic Laboratories.**

**Acceptable Specimens:** Bone marrow in a sterile container, SPS/Isolator system, or green top (lithium or sodium heparin).

**Stability:** Refrig: 7 days (preferred) and Ambient: 7 days.

**CPT:** 87102

**Client List Price:** \$43.00

**Patient/Insurance Price:** \$43.00

**Note:** Specimen should arrive within 24 hours of collection.

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**Test Name:** Chromium Creatinine Ratio, Random Urine (CRCRU)

**Performing Laboratory:** Mayo Clinic Laboratories.

**Acceptable Specimens:** Random urine in clean, plastic urine container with no metal cap or glued insert. Random urine in clean, plastic aliquot container with no metal cap or glued insert.

**Minimum Volume:** 1 mL

**Stability:** Refrig: 28 days (preferred), Froz: 28 days, and Ambient: 14 days.

**CPT:** 82570 and 82495

**Client List Price:** \$266.07

**Patient/Insurance Price:** \$266.07

**Note:** High concentrations of gadolinium and iodine are known to interfere with most metal testes. If either gadolinium-or iodine-containing contrast media has been administered, a specimen should not be collected for 96 hours.

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