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Des Moines Laboratory Update

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Vaginitis (Vaginosis) Panel Now Available

Starting April 19th, MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory is pleased to transition vaginosis testing to Cepheid's Vaginitis (Vaginosis) Panel. This panel tests for trichomoniasis, candidiasis, and three anaerobic microorganisms that are associated with vaginosis. The bacterial targets (Atopobium spp., Megasphaera-1, and BVAB2) have shown improved specificity over Gardnerella vaginalis testing (can be found in up to 70% of patients without active vaginosis) and gram staining. Two Candida targets are assayed, one target present on yeast in the Candida genus (C. albicans, C. tropicalis, C. parapsilosis, C. dubliniensis), and another target which is shared by Candida glabrata and Candida kruseii. Identifying Candida glabrata/kruseii will help target antifungal therapy, as they have shown increased azole resistance.

We will be discontinuing the Affirm testing and replacing it with the Cepheid Vaginitis Panel test. Please contact Colin for the molecular vaginal panel (MVP) collection kit, and return any unused Affirm collection kits for proper disposal.

Test Name: Vaginitis (Vaginosis) Panel

Test Code: VAGPAN

Performing Laboratory: MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory

CPT: 0352U

Specimen Requirements: Xpert Swab Specimen Collection kit

Stability: 42 days at 2-28 degrees C.

Rejection Criteria: Frozen specimen. Specimen received after stability. Specimen received in collection kit other than Xpert Swab Specimen Collection kit.

Test Methodology: GeneXpert PCR

Normal Range: Negative for BV.

Candida spp, Candida glabrata/kruseii, Trichomonas vaginalis, Not Detected.

Client List Price: \$170.00

Patient/Insurance Price: \$285.00

Other Notes:

Thank you for choosing MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory.

Changes to Laboratory Outreach Team

One of our current outreach services coordinators, Luke Lorfeld, has recently accepted a new opportunity and will be leaving his outreach coordinator role at the end of the month. He will continue to be available for any questions or concerns through April 28th; beginning May 1st, however, please direct to Mike Rosas (mike.rosas@commonspirit.org) any communications that would normally be sent to Luke. This will be our interim process until a replacement has been hired for the position.

Additionally, we would like to welcome a new addition to our outreach team, Noah Baumeister. Noah has moved into Jen Rivera's outreach coordinator position, and he is excited to learn more about his client base. Be on the lookout for communications from him as he begins introducing himself to you and your staff in the coming weeks. Please join me in welcoming Noah to our team!

Effective Immediately

Inactivate Orderable:

Test Name: Catecholamines Fractionated (FXCAT)

Performing Laboratory: MercyOne Des Moines Laboratories.

Note: Due to instrument issues, Mayo will not be performing the Catecholamines Fractionated test. The recommended alternative test is Metanephrine Fractionated Free Plasma (MET FX). An update will be provided when Catecholamines Fractionated test resumes.

New Orderable:

Test Name: Scleroderma Comprehensive Profile (FSCPR)

Performing Laboratory: Mayo Clinic Laboratories.

Acceptable Specimens: Serum in Red top or Gold SST.

Minimum Volume: 2 mL

Stability: Refrig: 14 days (preferred), Froz: 60 days, and Ambient: 7 days.

CPT: 86038, 83516, 86235 x 5, and 86256.

Client List Price: \$325.00

Patient/Insurance Price: \$325.00

Rejection: Specimen other than serum. Bacterial contamination. Specimens that are grossly lipemic or icterus.

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

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