



Client Update

AUGUST 2020

Test Name	Test Code	Effective Date
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Culture, Chlamydia Trachomatis	0555	Effective Immediately
<p>The following note has been added at reference lab: Due to potential propagation of SARS-CoV-2 virus in Chlamydia culture cells, respiratory and eye specimens are no longer accepted. The recommended alternative for respiratory and eye specimens is 0782-Chlamydia trachomatis Antigen, DFA.</p>		

REMINDER- Customer Satisfaction Survey	N/A	N/A
<p>To help us continually improve our services, we ask that our valued clients complete a customer satisfaction survey. Please visit: bit.ly/BRCs2020 to take the survey. Completing this survey should only take about 5 minutes. Thank you in advance for your participation!</p>		

REMINDER- ClariTest Core Non-Invasive Prenatal Screen	TH18, TH19	July 7, 2020
<p>The Cell-Free DNA (cfDNA) White Top Plastic blood collection tube is the preferred specimen type. Two tubes are required. It is important to fill both tubes to full capacity. Blood collection in the cfDNA white top tubes, combined with increased volume, is expected to reduce the likelihood of test failure.</p> <p>To order kits please use speedy #: 527</p> <p>Test Requisition Forms will be updated to reflect the tube change by indicating a “2W” next to test codes TH18 and TH19. “Old” requisitions will remain acceptable. New requisitions will be ready for orders by: 8/4/2020.</p>		

	Previous Test Information	New Test Information
Primary Container	BCT Glass Streck Tubes (black and tan stopper)	Cell-Free DNA White Top Plastic Tube
Minimum Volume	7 mL	7 mL in each tube
Transportation Temp	Room temperature	Room temperature
Stability	7 days at room temperature	7 days at room temperature
Collection Instructions		Draw two 10 mL Cell-Free DNA White Top Plastic blood collection tubes and mix by gentle inversion 8-10 times. It is recommended to use a 21 gauge straight needle; avoid butterflies if possible. **It is important to fill both tubes to capacity** . Store and ship tubes at room temperature.
CPT Code(s)**	81507, 81422	81507, 81422

* TAT is based upon receipt of the specimen at the laboratory

**CPT codes provided are based on AMA guidelines and are for informational purposes only. CPT coding is the sole responsibility of the billing party. Please direct any questions regarding coding to the payer being billed.



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REMINDER- Warm Weather Specimen Collection and Storage	N/A	Immediately
<p>As we continue to experience high temperatures this summer, please be reminded of the below instructions when preparing a frozen sample for specimen pick-up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect specimen according to the specimen collection requirements and label tube. • Place specimen inside specimen bag with requisition and affix Blue FROZEN specimen label. • When ready for pick-up, call Customer Service to confirm you have a Frozen specimen. • Keep specimen frozen until courier arrives. If utilizing a lock-box, place specimen bag inside pre-chilled Frozen Transport Container, and place full container inside the lock-box. <p>To order Frozen specimen supplies, please contact customer service and reference the following supply order numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice packs – Supply #904 • Frozen specimen labels – Supply #975 • Frozen transport container for specimen lock box – Supply #717 		
REMINDER - COVID-19 Antibody Test Results	TH99-5	May 13
<p>As announced Monday, April 27, BioReference now offers the COVID-19 Antibody test, which utilizes a blood sample to measure SARS-CoV-2 specific antibody levels, and correlates with a patient’s immune response after COVID-19 infection.</p> <p>Please be reminded that as of May 13, each COVID-19 Antibody test is now performed utilizing the Roche Elecsys Anti-Sars CoV-2 assay or the DiaSorin Liaison Sars CoV-2 S1/S2 assay. Test results from these platforms are qualitative.</p>		
<p>NOTES: To subscribe to receive client updates via email, please visit http://bioreferencelabs.bioreference.com/go-green</p> <p>* TAT is based upon receipt of the specimen at the laboratory. **CPT codes provided are based on AMA guidelines and are for informational purposes only. CPT coding is the sole responsibility of the billing party. Please direct any questions regarding coding to the payer being billed.</p>		