

# BioReference® Client Update

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Test Name	Test Code	Effective Date
COVID, Flu A, Flu B by PCR	M528-8	Immediately
COVID, Flu A, Flu B, RSV by PCR	M529-6	
New test offering for COVID, Flu A, Flu B, and RSV testing.		
New Test Information		
Primary Container	Swab-Viral Culturette (SV)	
Minimum Volume	1.4 mL	
Turn Around Time*	24 hours	
Transportation Temp	2-8°C Refrigerated	
Stability	2 days 15-25°C, 7 days at 2-8°C, 365 days -70°C or colder	
Methodology	RT-PCR	
Reference Range	Not Detected	
Collection Instructions	SV: Collect sample, place in holder, and label with patient name, date of birth (DOB), and specimen collection date. NOT TO BE USED FOR BACTERIAL TRANSPORT.	
CPT Code(s)**	M528-8: 87636x1 M529-6: 87637x1	

Test Name	Test Code	Effective Date
Nicotine and Expanded Metabolites, LC/MS/MS Urine (Retired)	TS63-8	4/1/2026
Test code TS63-8 Nicotine and Expanded Metabolites, LC/MS/MS, Urine will no longer be offered effective 4/1/2026. The suggested alternate test is M521-3 Nicotine and Metabolites with Anabasine, LC/MS (see below).		
New Test Information		
Primary Container	USC - Urine Cup	
Minimum Volume	0.5mL	
Turn Around Time*	4 days	
Transportation Temp	Room Temperature	
Stability	7 Days at 2-8°C	
Methodology	Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry (LC/MS)	
Reference Range	<5 ng/mL	
Panel Components	Nicotine: test code TU31-0; LOINC code 3854-7 Cotinine: test code TU32-8; LOINC code 92643-6 Anabasine: test code TU33-6; LOINC code 33915-0	
Collection Instructions	Collect urine in cup, label with patient name, date of birth (DOB), and sample collection date.	
CPT Code(s)**	80323x1	

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Clinical Utility	This assay is used to detect nicotine and several metabolites, as well as the related alkaloid anabasine, in urine to determine the individual's tobacco exposure status. Nicotine has a short half-life of approximately sixty minutes; Its presence may indicate recent tobacco exposure. The half-life of the various nicotine metabolites is longer and provides a larger window of detection for tobacco exposure. The presence of anabasine is indicative of tobacco exposure (smoked or smokeless) versus the use of a nicotine replacement patch product. Anabasine is a related alkaloid found only in tobacco plant. Individuals exposed to passive tobacco smoke (environmental or second-hand) can have detectable concentrations of nicotine and its metabolites depending on the type of exposure. The ranges of concentrations related to passive exposure are not well established but normally are less than those attributed to active tobacco users.
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Questions? Please contact your Account Executive or Customer Service directly at 800-229-5227.

Best regards,  
The BioReference® Team

\*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. Healthcare providers should only order panels if each test in the panel is medically necessary.