



Test Bulletin

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ACL Implements New Methodology for HSV 1 and 2 Qualitative Testing

Effective Wednesday, December 12, 2018, ACL Laboratories will implement a new methodology for Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) testing (Test Order Code HSVPCR). Previous Qiagen reagents will be replaced by the FDA approved Hologic Panther instrument and Aptima HSV 1 & 2 reagents. The Aptima HSV assay is based on TMA methodology and has a limit of detection comparable to the previously offered PCR assay. The HSV Panther assay is validated on the Aptima sample collection device and Universal Transport Media (UTM).

Important Note: This new assay is *not* compatible with ESwab™ collection device.

For additional information regarding this test, as well as specimen collection requirements, please contact ACL Client Services at 1.800.877.7016 or visit our website at acllaboratories.com/test-catalog/.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicaid Currently Following CMS NCD Guidelines for Medicaid Plan

Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicaid started following CMS NCD guidelines for the Medicaid Plan on January 1, 2018. **Effective immediately**, ACL Laboratories will request additional diagnosis codes to support the limited covered tests if they are not provided at the time of service.

Visit link below for additional information.

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coverage/CoverageGenInfo/LabNCDsICD10.html>

Swabone™ MYC/Ureaplasma Panel by PCR (Test Order Code SWOMU) replaces Ureaplasma & Mycoplasma Culture (Test Order Code MYURER)

Effective immediately, Swabone™ MYC/Ureaplasma Panel by PCR (Test Order Code SWOMU) replaces Ureaplasma & Mycoplasma Culture (Test Order Code MYURER).

The Swabone™ assay is based on LDT reagents capable of detecting Mycoplasma/Ureaplasma, M. Genitalium, M. hominis, U. urealyticum/parvum and is validated on vaginal samples collected in Universal Transport Media (UTM) or ESwab.

SWOMU provides a shorter TAT and provides better patient care. SWOMU is more sensitive than MYURER and provides identification for **four** organisms vs **two** with MYURER.

Mycoplasma or Ureaplasma may not be viable and may fail to culture—due to length of transport. For female patients, the better (most sensitive) type of specimen will be vaginal swab collection over UA sample, due to lower sensitivity of culture most providers prefer to collect UA sample as a backup, which is not required with PCR method.

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2019 CPT Code Changes

ACL Test Order Code	Test Description	2018 CPT Code(s)	2019 CPT Code(s)
SCA1	SCA1 DNA Test	81401	81178
SCA2	SCA2 Expansion Analysis	81401	81179
HUNTDI	Huntington's Disease	81401	81271
SMACN	Spinal Muscular Atrophy Copy Number Analysis	81401	81329
AJPWO	Ashkenazi Jewish Mutation Panel	81200 81205 81209 81242 81250 81251 81260 81290 81330 81400 81401 81479	81443
5ADTSR	5- α -Dihydrotestosterone	82542	82642

ACL Specimen Processing Changes






ACL is continuously striving to be a highly reliable organization. In an effort to reduce specimen rejection rates and promote the very best specimen quality for the highest quality results, ACL is standardizing practices for specimen processing.

Practices to follow:

- Collect the number of specimens required by the Lab Information System (LIS) or Directory of Services (DOS).
- Whenever possible, send an unopened, primary tube for testing to Wisconsin Central Lab and Illinois Central Lab.
- If a primary tube has been uncapped, for example if first tested on-site, and a sample is needed to be sent to a different testing location, send an aliquot of specimen.
- Aliquot tubes are changing to Greiner products. This change will enable further use of automation within ACL and also help ensure high quality specimens for testing.
- **New Products are not yet available, but will be orderable in the near future.**
- Once ordering information is available, begin using the following products for aliquots:
 - Use Greiner aliquot tube with orange cap for serum aliquots.
 - Tubes and caps are ordered together.
 - Use Greiner aliquot tube with white cap for plasma aliquots.
 - Tubes and caps are ordered together.
 - These new tubes do not have graduated markings printed on the tube. Utilize a graduated pipette if a specific amount of serum/plasma is to be aliquoted.
- **Wisconsin Only:** Once ordering information is available, use new aliquot tubes with yellow caps and transfer straw for urine chemistry testing, such as UTP, UCR, UK, MAR etc.
 - Greiner Z No Additive Urine Tube.
 - This tube is **not** intended to replace aliquot tubes for Urinalysis tests (UCOMCS, UACS, etc.) or Microbiology (URC) tests done on Urine.
 - This tubes contains a vacuum and is to be filled using a transfer straw.
 - There is no change to the aliquot tubes for urinalysis in use in Illinois at this time.

ACL Specimen Processing Changes, continued

Ordering information for new supplies:

Item Image	Manufacturer Product Name	Manufacturer Product Number	IREQ Number	Lawson Number	Intended Use
	Greiner Secondary Tube and Cap (white) *Note: caps and tube are ordered together	459000	Not yet available, additional information will be forthcoming	Not yet available, additional information will be forthcoming	Transport of Plasma (from green top tubes)
	Greiner Secondary Tube and Cap (orange) *Note: caps and tube are ordered together	459001	Not yet available, additional information will be forthcoming	Not yet available, additional information will be forthcoming	Transport of serum (from gold or red top tubes)
	Greiner Z Urine No Additive, round base 10 mL	455007	Not yet available, additional information will be forthcoming	Not yet available, additional information will be forthcoming	WI ONLY: Transport of urine for chemistry testing only
	Greiner Urine Transfer Device, short (Order separately from Z Urine No Additive tube)	450251	Not yet available, additional information will be forthcoming	Not yet available, additional information will be forthcoming	Used to fill Urine Tube (since it has a vacuum)
	Transfer Pipette with Graduated Markings	Various options available:	Various options available:		Used to transfer sample with estimates of mL
		Sarstedt – 86.1172.300	199931		
		Cardinal Health – CH5214-11	103807		
		Fisher – 137119AM	194521	104210	

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact ACL Client Services at 1.800.877.7016.