

Circulating Tumor Cell Count Test Code Deactivation

Effective Monday, May 15, 2023, ACL will no longer offer **Circulating Tumor Cell Count (Test Order Code LAB10444)** as an orderable code, as testing is being discontinued by the referral laboratory with no replacement available.

Providers who still desire circulating tumor cell count testing may elect to set up a portal account directly with Menarini Silicon Biosystems (<https://www.siliconbiosystems.com/en-us/>) and request collection kits and test requisition forms. Providers should order Kit Testing – Collection Kit Provided to Patient (Test Order Code LAB10421) when specimen collection is completed by ACL. As a reminder, when using a Kit Testing order code, results are sent directly to the provider's office and billing is performed by the external lab direct to the patient's insurance.

Updated Specimen Routing for Biliary and UroVysion FISH Analyses

Specimens for **Biliary FISH (Test Order Code LAB10304)** and **UroVysion FISH (Test Order Code LAB10299)** will no longer route to ACL Cytology prior to being referred to an external lab for testing as of **Wednesday, April 19, 2023**. Instead, they will route directly to the ACL Referral Testing department for processing.

To ensure efficient processing, please complete the following:

- Collect separate specimens when both Cytology and FISH analysis are needed.
- Order either Biliary FISH (Test Order Code LAB10304) or UroVysion FISH (Test Order Code LAB10299) in Epic. Order comments under the Cytology order should be discontinued immediately to safeguard against missed test requests.

Updated Collection Requirements for Ova and Parasite Testing

Effective Monday, May 15, 2023, ARUP will no longer accept stool specimens in SAF fixative for **Ova and Parasite Exam, Fecal (Immunocompromised or Travel History) (Test Order Code LAB11409)**. Going forward, ACL will discontinue stock of SAF transport vials and will transition to Para-Pak EcoFix transport vials.

Please use the following information for ordering collection supplies:

- Advocate/Aurora Medical Group (AMG) and ACL outreach clients should follow the normal online process for ordering
- Item #3013410 – Container Specimen Para-Pak EcoFix 30mL Vial Cap Tube Disposable



Update to Cross-Linked N-Telopeptide (Serum) Testing

Cleveland Clinic Laboratories (CCL) has discontinued testing for **Cross Linked N Telopeptide (LAB9485)** as of **Thursday, April 20, 2023**. In the interim, while ACL works to have a replacement orderable code available for our ordering providers and clients, specimens for cross-linked N-telopeptide on serum will be forwarded to ARUP Laboratories. Existing orders will be canceled by ACL Referral Testing and replaced with a Miscellaneous Test (MISC) to ensure appropriate processing and resulting occurs.

Please contact ACL Referral Testing with questions at 847-349-7382.

Change in Testing Schedule – Routine COVID PCR

Effective Thursday, May 11, 2023, ACL's central laboratories in both Illinois and Wisconsin will no longer perform 2019 Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) PCR (Test Order Codes COV19 / LAB10635) on Saturdays and holidays. This change coincides with the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) issued by the United States government.

Testing will continue to be performed Sunday – Friday in both central laboratories. In the event, a holiday falls on a Sunday or Friday, testing will be performed on Saturday to ensure turnaround times are maintained.

Turnaround time for this test remains 48 hours. Please keep this in mind to ensure results are received prior to any scheduled procedures.

Please contact ACL's Cytology Department in your respective state with any questions.

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