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**NEW TEST:**

HNL is pleased to expand our testing menu to include the following test.

<b>Von Willebrand Factor Activity</b>							
<b>Test Code:</b>	VWFA						
<b>Effective Date:</b>	07/12/2016						
<b>CPT Code:</b>	85245						
<b>Alternate Name:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ristocetin Cofactor</li> <li>• VWF Activity</li> <li>• VW Factor Activity</li> </ul>						
<b>Methodology:</b>	Immuno Turbidometric Analysis						
<b>Testing Schedule:</b>	Routine, 1 time per week						
<b>Report Available:</b>	5-7 days						
<b>Specimen Requirements:</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Minimum Volume:</td> <td>1 mL plasma</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Container:</td> <td>2 Full light blue top tubes, <u>sodium citrate</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Collection:</td> <td>See Special Handling Instructions for “Coagulation Studies”, listed under Specimen Collection, Preparation, and Handling Section.</td> </tr> </table>	Minimum Volume:	1 mL plasma	Container:	2 Full light blue top tubes, <u>sodium citrate</u>	Collection:	See Special Handling Instructions for “Coagulation Studies”, listed under Specimen Collection, Preparation, and Handling Section.
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Container:	2 Full light blue top tubes, <u>sodium citrate</u>						
Collection:	See Special Handling Instructions for “Coagulation Studies”, listed under Specimen Collection, Preparation, and Handling Section.						
<b>Special Instructions:</b>	Testing is contraindicated for patients on anticoagulation therapy.						
<b>Reference Range:</b>	50-150%						
<b>Clinical Utility:</b>	Useful in the diagnosis of von Willebrand disease (VWD) and monitoring of therapeutic efficacy of treatment with DDAVP (desmopressin) or VWF concentrates in patients with VWD.						

For more information, please contact Diane Raber 1-877-402-4221

**TEST CHANGE:**

The following test change was effective on the date indicated below. Please note that the changes are listed in ***bold, italicized*** type. Additional information regarding the change will be provided where applicable.

<b>Protein Electrophoresis, Serum</b>	
<b>Test Code:</b>	SPRE
<b>Effective Date:</b>	08/01/2016
<b>Reason For Change:</b>	<b><i>Based on client feedback, sending hard copies of the protein patterns are not necessary for all patients. Hard copies will no longer be sent automatically but may be requested by calling our Customer Care department.</i></b>
<b>CPT Code:</b>	84155, 84165, 84165-26, reflexed when appropriate: 86334-26, 82784 x3, 86334
<b>Includes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protein, Total, Serum</li> <li>• Quantitation of Albumin, Alpha-1, Alpha-2, Beta, and Gamma Fractions</li> <li>• Pathologist's Interpretive Report</li> <li>• Reflexed when appropriate:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serum immunoelectrophoresis</li> <li>Quantitative immunoglobulins</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Methodology</b>	Agarose Gel Electrophoresis
<b>Testing Schedule:</b>	Routine, 3-5 times per week
<b>Report Available:</b>	4-7 days
<b>Specimen Requirements:</b>	Minimum Volume: 2 mL serum
	Container: Gold top tube, <u>serum separator</u>
<b>Reference Range:</b>	Total protein: 6.0-8.0 g/dL Albumin: 3.2-4.2 g/dL Alpha 1 region: 0.1-0.4 g/dL Alpha 2 region: 0.7-1.1 g/dL Beta region: 0.8-1.3 g/dL Gamma region: 0.7-1.7 g/dL
<b>Clinical Utility:</b>	Useful in the evaluation of myeloma, macroglobulinemia of Waldenstrom, collagen diseases, and monoclonal gammopathies.

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DISCONTINUED TEST

The following test will be discontinued effective: 07/12/2016

**Ristocetin Cofactor**  
Test Code: RWF

The Ristocetin Cofactor (RWF) test will no longer be offered. Von Willebrand Factor Activity (VWFA) will be the replacement test due to a change in methodology.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Raber at 877-402-4221.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### **Gyn Cytology: Adopt Bethesda 2014 Terminology**

Bethesda 2014 has updated Gyn cytology terminology. HNL will adopt these terminology changes:

- Eliminate terminology: mild, moderate, severe dysplasia
- Eliminate terminology: CIN-1, CIN-2, CIN-3/CIS
- Eliminate terminology: SIL (Squamous intraepithelial lesion, indeterminate grade)

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