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NEW AND UPDATED LABORATORY TESTING INFORMATION

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hours of operation and temporary closures.**

CPT (Current & Procedural Terminology) is a trademark of the AMA. Codes listed are guidelines and are for informational purposes only. Coding questions should be directed to the third-party payor and/or the AMA. OIG guidelines recommend tests ordered should be reasonable and necessary for the patient, given their clinical condition. Physicians who order medically unnecessary tests for which Medicare reimbursement is claimed may be subject to penalties. Individual components of profiles or panels may be ordered individually at an additional charge. Physicians who consider Reflex testing unnecessary may order an initial test without the Reflexed test. Reflex or confirmation tests are performed at an additional charge.

TEST CHANGES

Sedimentation Rate, Whole Blood (SR)

****UPDATE IS FOR LVH-HAZLETON TESTING ONLY****

Description of Change:	Reference Ranges updated due to new methodology for Sed Rate at LVH-Hazleton site.																				
Effective Date:	05/04/2020																				
Methodology:	Photometrical Rheoscope																				
Testing Schedule:	Routine daily, STAT testing available																				
Report Availability:	1 day																				
Specimen Requirements:	<p><u>Minimum Volume:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 mL whole blood <p><u>Container:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lavender top tube, EDTA 																				
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Clinical Utility:	Used as a nonspecific marker of inflammation.																				

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TEST CHANGES

Drug Screen 9, Urine without Confirmation (DOA9)

Description of Change:	Propoxyphene will be removed from all HNL clinical urine drug screening tests. The Federal Drug Administration recommended against the continued prescribing and manufacturing of propoxyphene (Darvocet, Darvon) in 2010. The lack of relevance and observed positivity in today's urine drug testing were key in this decision.
Effective Date:	04/14/20
Includes:	Screen for: Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Cannabinoids (THC), Cocaine, Methadone, Opiates, Phencyclidine (PCP)
Methodology:	Enzyme Immunoassay (EIA)
Testing Schedule:	Routine, daily
Report Availability:	1 day
Specimen Requirements:	<u>Minimum Volume:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 mL random urine <u>Container:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plastic urine container (preservative-free)
Special Instructions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This test is intended for use in clinical monitoring or management of patients and should not be used for employment-related testing or for forensic/legal purposes.• Confirmation testing may be requested/added up to 1 week after reporting of initial results. NOTE: Positive samples are only retained for 1 week.
Reference Range:	Negative
Clinical Utility:	Useful for detecting drug abuse.

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TEST CHANGES

Drug Screen 9, Urine with Confirmation (UDS9)

Description of Change:	Propoxyphene will be removed from all HNL clinical urine drug screening tests. The Federal Drug Administration recommended against the continued prescribing and manufacturing of propoxyphene (Darvocet, Darvon) in 2010. The lack of relevance and observed positivity in today's urine drug testing were key in this decision.
Effective Date:	04/14/20
Includes:	Screen for: Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Cannabinoids (THC), Cocaine, Methadone, Opiates, Phencyclidine (PCP) Testing also includes specimen validity tests to check for specimen integrity and adulteration. Confirmation of positive screen results by Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC/MS/MS).
Methodology:	Enzyme Immunoassay (EIA)
Testing Schedule:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine, daily • Confirmation testing of positives: 1-3 days
Report Availability:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 day • 1-3 days for confirmation of positive screening results or reflex testing is required
Specimen Requirements:	<p><u>Minimum Volume:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 mL random urine <p><u>Container:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic urine container (preservative-free)
Special Instructions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This test is intended for use in clinical monitoring or management of patients and should not be used for employment-related testing or for forensic/legal purposes. • Confirmation testing may be requested/added up to 1 week after reporting of initial results. <p>NOTE: Positive samples are only retained for 2 weeks.</p>
Reference Range:	Negative
Clinical Utility:	Useful for detecting drug abuse and/or compliance monitoring.

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TEST CHANGES

Drug Screen 10, Urine with Confirmation (UDS10)

Description of Change:	Propoxyphene will be removed from all HNL clinical urine drug screening tests. The Federal Drug Administration recommended against the continued prescribing and manufacturing of propoxyphene (Darvocet, Darvon) in 2010. The lack of relevance and observed positivity in today's urine drug testing were key in this decision.
Effective Date:	04/14/20
Includes:	Screen for: Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Cannabinoids (THC), Cocaine, Methadone, Opiates, Phencyclidine (PCP), Oxycodone* *Not available at LVH-Hazleton ACL Testing performed in Toxicology Department at Core Laboratory also includes specimen validity tests to check for specimen integrity and adulteration. Confirmation of positive screen results by Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC/MS/MS).
Methodology:	Enzyme Immunoassay (EIA)
Testing Schedule:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine, daily • Confirmation testing of positives: 1-3 days
Report Availability:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 day • 1-3 days for confirmation of positive screening results or reflex testing is required
Specimen Requirements:	<p><u>Minimum Volume:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 mL random urine <p><u>Container:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic urine container (preservative-free)
Special Instructions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This test is intended for use in clinical monitoring or management of patients and should not be used for employment-related testing or for forensic/legal purposes. • Confirmation testing may be requested/added up to 1 week after reporting of initial results. <p>NOTE: Positive samples are only retained for 2 weeks.</p>
Reference Range:	Negative
Clinical Utility:	Useful for detecting drug abuse and/or compliance monitoring.

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TEST CHANGES

INACTIVATED TEST:

Pain Management Propoxyphene, Qualitative, Urine (PPPRO)

Reason for Inactivation:	Propoxyphene will be removed from all HNL clinical urine drug screening tests. The Federal Drug Administration recommended against the continued prescribing and manufacturing of propoxyphene (Darvocet, Darvon) in 2010. The lack of relevance and observed positivity in today's urine drug testing were key in this decision.
Inactivation Date:	04/14/20

INACTIVATED TEST:

Cotinine Screen, Urine (COTU)

Reason for Inactivation:	Testing methodology for clinical nicotine metabolite (cotinine) has been converted from Immunoassay to Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC/MS/MS). Results will now be quantitative for nicotine and metabolites by LC/MS/MS. Please use test code: NICOU (Nicotine metabolites, Urine) If qualitative immunoassay screening is required, please call technical support.
Inactivation Date:	03/19/20

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Collection Product Change

Current Products:

- Culture Swab-Blue Cap (Aerobic/Anaerobic):
HNL# 40191055 / Manufacture# R723015
- Culture Swab-Red Cap (Throat Culture):
HNL# 40191054 / Manufacture# R723125



Beginning on April 6, 2020, HNL Lab Medicine will begin using ESwab™ for the collection of microbiology specimens.

New Product:

- Culture Eswab-White / HNL# 50000282/ Manufacture# R723480

Important Notes:

The new product "Culture Eswab-White / HNL# 50000282/ Manufacture# R723480" will be available to order through the HPP Supplies Portal on or around March 16, 2020.

The current red and blue swabs **will be discontinued on April 6, 2020**, and you will no longer be able to receive them from HNL.

INTRODUCING...ESwab™ Liquid Based Multipurpose Collection and Transport System

What is ESwab™?

ESwab™ is a liquid-based multipurpose collection and transport system that maintains the viability of aerobic, anaerobic, and fastidious bacteria for up to 48 hours.

The ESwab™ system collects and releases more specimen, significantly improving patient test results and decreasing the need for repeat testing due to insufficient sample.

The ESwab™ will replace the current Blue-capped and Red-capped collection swabs with just one tube eliminating the need to stock multiple types of swabs.

Training Videos:

- **ESwab How To Video:** <http://bit.ly/ESwabHowTo>
- **ESwab Nasal Specimen Collection Nosocomial ESwab:** <http://bit.ly/ESwabNasalCollection>
- **ESwab Throat Specimen Collection ESwab:** <http://bit.ly/ESwabThroatCollection>
- **ESwab_Wound Specimen Collection ESwab:** <http://bit.ly/ESwabWoundCollection>



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Same Lab. New Look.

Health Network Laboratories is becoming HNL Lab Medicine!



Everything you have come to expect from us will stay the same with a promise of more services to come! There are no changes to our insurance plan participation.

Why the Change?

Our new brand, HNL Lab Medicine, is evolving to expand our services while investing in new technologies that will improve quality, provide faster turn-around-times and easy to interpret reports.

Over the coming weeks, your patients will see our new logo on our patient centers, courier vehicles, our new website, and social media sites.

To read more about our brand refresh, visit:

HNLLabMedicine.com