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# LAB-LINK

NEW AND UPDATED  
TESTING INFORMATION

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ONLINE HANDBOOK AT [HNL.COM/TESTMENU](https://hnl.com/testmenu)

The American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes published by HNL Lab Medicine are guidelines and are intended for informational purposes only. CPT coding is the exclusive responsibility of the billing entity. HNL Lab Medicine strongly recommends confirmation of CPT codes with third-party payors and/or the AMA. We assume no responsibility for billing errors due to reliance upon CPT codes provided by HNL Lab Medicine. 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 federal healthcare plan reimbursement is claimed may be subject to penalties. Individual components of profiles or panels may be ordered individually. 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 NAME / SUBJECT

## EFFECTIVE DATE

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# NEW TEST

## Free Light Chains, Quantitative, Urine (FLCQU)

**This new test code (FLCQU) will replace tests: Free Light Chains, 24UR (KLLC) and Free Light Chains, Urine (RUKL).**

Effective Date	2/1/2022
Order Code	FLCQU
CPT Code	83883(x2)
Methodology	Quantitative Immunoturbidometry
Testing Schedule	Routine, daily
Report Availability	3-5 days
Minimum Volume	1 mL aliquot urine
Container	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 24 hour collection, OR</li><li>• Random urine collection</li></ul>
Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collect either 24 hour or random urine.</li><li>• For 24 urine collection, total volume and collection time interval should be noted on tube and requisition.</li></ul>
Clinical Utility	Aids in the monitoring of patients with urine monoclonal proteins.

For questions, please call **877-402-4221**.

For technical questions related to this test, please ask for **Technical Support** between the hours of **8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** For general inquiries, Customer Care is available to assist at any time.

# TEST UPDATE

## Pain Management Synthetic Cannabinoids, Quantitative, Urine (PSYNT)

### **\*\*INACTIVATED TEST\*\***

#### Description of Change

This test has been discontinued due to its lack of relevancy and low positivity rate in current drug testing, as well as outdated components.

#### Effective Date

**Immediately**

#### Test Name

Pain Management Synthetic Cannabinoids, Quantitative, Urine

#### Order Code

**PSYNT**

#### Replacement Test

Refer to Reference Laboratory

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# TEST UPDATE

## Synthetic Cannabinoids, Quantitative, Urine (CSYNT)

### **\*\*INACTIVATED TEST\*\***

#### Description of Change

This test has been discontinued due to its lack of relevancy and low positivity rate in current drug testing, as well as outdated components.

#### Effective Date

**Immediately**

#### Test Name

Synthetic Cannabinoids, Quantitative, Urine

#### Order Code

**CSYNT**

#### Replacement Test

Refer to Reference Laboratory

For questions, please call **877-402-4221**.

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# TEST UPDATE

## Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Diagnostic (SMN12)

Description of Change	Testing for Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Diagnostic (SMN12) will now be performed in HNL Lab Medicine's genetic testing department (CTGT).
Effective Date	<b>2/1/22</b>
Test Name	Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Diagnostic
Order Code	<b>SMN12</b>
Includes	Quantitates exon 7 copy numbers of SMN1 and SMN2 genes
Methodology	Next generation sequencing (NGS) and copy number variation analysis
Testing Schedule	Routine, Monday- Friday
Report Availability	7-14 days; Results available in CoPath and EPIC
Minimum Volume	3 mL EDTA Whole Blood
Container	Lavender top tube, EDTA
Collection	Room temperature preferred, refrigerate if specimen cannot be transported to the lab within 24 hours
Special Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transport storage: Room temperature preferred, can be refrigerated or on cold packs</li><li>• Do not freeze or expose to extreme temperatures, refrigerate for up to 72 hours if cannot be transported to lab within 24 hours</li></ul>
Reference Range	2 copies of SMN1 gene
Clinical Utility	Diagnostic testing to confirm a suspected case of Spinal Muscular Atrophy

For technical questions related to this test, please call HNL Lab Medicine's genetic testing department, **CTGT** at **484-244-2900**.

For general inquiries, Customer Care is available to assist at any time by calling 877-402-4221.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## FDA UPDATE: Blood Specimen Collection Tube Conservation Strategies

On January 19, 2022, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a communication to medical and laboratory staff informing them of significant shortages in several blood collection test tubes owing to an upsurge in demand during the COVID-19 public health emergency as well as recent vendor supply difficulties.

**The FDA has recently added all blood specimen collection tubes to the list of medical device shortages.**

To minimize blood collection tube usage and maintain the quality and safety of patient care, the FDA advises health care providers, laboratory directors, phlebotomists, and other workers to consider the following conservation methods:

- Only perform blood draws considered medically necessary.
  - Remove duplicate test orders to avoid unnecessary blood draws.
  - Avoid testing too frequently or extend time intervals between tests whenever possible.
- Reduce tests at routine wellness visits and allergy testing only to those that target specific disease states or where it will change patient treatment.
- Consider add-on testing or sharing samples between laboratory departments if previously collected specimens are available.
- If you need a discard tube, use a tube type that has a greater quantity available at your facility.
- Consider point-of-care testing that does not require using blood specimen collection tubes (lateral flow tests).

**The following is the direct link to the FDA communication and device shortage list:**

### COMMUNICATION

[https://bit.ly/HNL\\_FDAupdate](https://bit.ly/HNL_FDAupdate)



### DEVICE SHORTAGE LIST

[https://bit.ly/HNL\\_FDAshortagelist](https://bit.ly/HNL_FDAshortagelist)

