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NEW AND UPDATED LABORATORY TESTING INFORMATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Salivary Gland Non-Gynecological Cytology:
Adoption of the Milan System for Reporting Salivary Gland Cytopathology

Effective Date: 11/1/2020

The Milan System for reporting Salivary Gland Cytopathology was developed by a group of international expert pathologists and head and neck surgeons to standardize the reporting of salivary gland cytology specimens.

HNL Lab Medicine will join many laboratories in the United States by adopting the Milan System, which places salivary gland specimens into one of the following general diagnostic categories:

Non-Diagnostic

- Insufficient material for cytologic evaluation.
- The specimen has insufficient diagnostic material, contains only benign elements or non-mucinous cyst contents.

Non-Neoplastic

- The specimen lacks cytologic evidence of a neoplastic process and includes benign entities like chronic sialadenitis, reactive lymph node, granulomas and infection.

Atypia of Undetermined Significance (AUS)

- The specimen is indefinite for neoplasm and may contain limited atypical cells or the specimen may be compromised.

Neoplastic: Benign

- The specimen is diagnostic for a benign neoplasm to include pleomorphic adenomas, Warthin's tumors, lipomas, etc.

Neoplastic: Uncertain Malignant Potential (SUMP)

- The specimen is diagnostic of a neoplasm, but a diagnosis of a specific entity cannot be made. The category includes specimens where malignancy cannot be excluded, cellular benign neoplasms, neoplasms with atypical features and low grade carcinomas.

Suspicious for Malignancy

- The specimen is highly suggestive but not diagnostic for malignancy, tumor type and/or differentials to be noted.

Malignant

- The specimen is diagnostic of malignancy, tumor type and/or differentials to be noted.

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

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

References: Rossi ED, Faquin WC. The Milan System for Reporting Salivary Gland Cytopathology (MSRSGC): An International Effort Toward Improved Patient Care – When the Roots Might be Inspired by Leonardo daVinci. Cancer Cytopathology 2018;756-766.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Test Bulletin:

Aptima® Unisex & Urine Collection Device Shortage

There is a nationwide shortage of Aptima® Unisex collection devices and Aptima® Urine Transport tubes. These products are used for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and/or Trichomonas laboratory testing. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, most of the supply resources for these products were diverted for producing COVID-19 reagents and collections supplies. Hologic is working on fulfilling backorders for the Aptima® Unisex collection kits and Aptima® Urine Specimen Collection Kits.

HNL Lab Medicine has distributed all remaining stock of these items and has no additional supply. As of October 1, 2020, we are still attempting to obtain the Aptima® Multi-Test Collection Kits, a replacement product that can be used for Vaginal collection only. Male specimens and urine specimens cannot be collected until Hologic can fulfill all backorders.

At this time, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, and/or Trichomonas testing can only be performed using Thin Prep Samples. We will provide further updates as other solutions are available.

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