



# LAB-LINK

NEW AND UPDATED  
LABORATORY TESTING INFORMATION

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12/05/2017

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# TEST CHANGE

The following test change will be 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>Lyme Borrelia by PCR (LBPCR)</b>	
Description of Change	Effective 12/05/2017, Lyme Borrelia testing by PCR will be offered in house. The original order code BPCR will be deactivated and changed to <b>LBPCR</b> .
Effective Date:	12/05/2017
Suggested CPT Code:	87476
Includes:	Qualitative PCR for lyme disease, <b>serum, plasma</b> , CSF, or Synovial fluid
Methodology:	Qualitative Polymerase Chain Reaction
Testing Schedule:	Routine, <b>2-3</b> times per week
Report Availability:	<b>1-3</b> days
Specimen Requirements:	<p><u>Minimum Volume:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 mL <b>serum, plasma</b>, CSF of Synovial fluid</li> </ul> <p><u>Container:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lavender top tube, EDTA</b></li> <li>• Gold top tube, serum separator</li> <li>• Sterile conical tube</li> <li>• Sterile conical CSF tube</li> </ul>
Special Instructions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centrifuge blood specimens, transfer serum to plastic aliquot tube (Plasma can also be refrigerated for up to 7 days).</li> <li>• Transfer 1 mL of CSF or Synovial fluid to plastic aliquot tube.</li> </ul>
Reference Range:	Negative
Clinical Utility:	Used in the confirmation of active Lyme disease and the monitoring of Lyme disease treatment. Diagnosing and monitoring Lyme arthritis PCR testing should be limited to patients with at least an equivocal or positive serologic test for antibody to Borrelia burgdorferi.