

March 2021

To: Clients of the New York Hospital Laboratories (NYHL)

From: NYHL Management

Subject: **Off-Site Performance of T-cell Subset Analysis and B/NK-cell Enumeration Studies**

Dear Valued NYHL Client,

In light of recent NYP laboratory staffing challenges, the T-cell subset analysis and B/NK-cell enumeration studies will no longer be performed in the NYP/WC Central Laboratory at the end of March 2021. These tests will be centralized at the Columbia University Immunogenetics and Cellular Immunology Laboratory.

Based on that laboratory's test menu, there will no longer be the option to select T-cell subset analysis (CD3, CD4, CD8) or B/NK-cell enumeration (CD3, CD19, CD16+CD56) separately. The Columbia University order "T Cell Panel" will include all parameters (CD3, CD4, CD8, CD19, and CD16+CD56).

The sample requirements will not change. These specimens will be delivered three times daily for testing at Columbia University via courier service. Results will be available in Epic and other downstream systems. In order to accommodate these delivery times, specimens will be accepted Monday-Friday, with a cut off time of 3pm on Fridays and 3pm on any day before a holiday. Any specimens submitted over the weekend will be cancelled.

The test name will change from T Cell Helper/Suppressor and B lymphocytes/NK to **T Cell Panel**. The expected turnaround time of this test is 48 hours.

TEST	EPIC TEST CODE	CHANGE HEALTHCARE CODE
T CELL PANEL	LAB6777	4796577

Please direct any questions regarding the new testing approach or test results to Ms. Sandra Aranibar-Atristain, Program Director, Central Laboratory, 212-746-2043; email: saa2074@nyp.org, Ms. Shashauna Eastman Supervisor Hematology, Central Laboratory she9037@nyp.org, or Dr. Amy Chadburn, Assistant Director, Central Laboratory achadbur@med.cornell.edu or 212-746-6631.

As always, we appreciate your continued support of and partnership with the Laboratories at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center.