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UPCOMING TUBE LABELING REQUIREMENT CHANGE

❖ Tube Labeling Requirements Change Effective 1/1/2006

To ensure quality laboratory results it is essential that all laboratory specimens received by the Allina Medical Laboratories be accurately and legibly labeled. Patient identification on request forms must exactly match patient identification on the specimens.

Effective January 1, 2006, Allina Medical Laboratories will require that all non-blood bank specimens submitted for testing be labeled with, at a minimum, two identifiers: Patient's full name and one additional unique identifier, either Date of Birth (DOB) or Social Security Number (SSN). To accommodate the heightened sensitivity to revealing SSN's, the preferred second identifier is the DOB. Specimens received with only a single identifier will be considered mislabeled.

There is no change in the current labeling requirements for Blood Bank testing.

Optimal Labeling for Non-Blood Bank Reference Lab Specimens

- Patient's complete name (First, Middle Initial if available, Last)
- Second unique identifier, either Social Security number (SSN) or Date of Birth (DOB)
- Date of Collection

Minimal Labeling for Non-Blood Bank specimens:

- Patient's first and last name
- Second unique identifier, either Date of Birth (DOB) Social Security number (SSN)

Mandatory Labeling for Blood Bank Reference Lab Specimens:

If any of the following components are missing, the specimen is considered mislabeled and will be rejected.

- Patient's complete name (First and Last)
- Patient's Social Security Number or Epic Number
- Date of Birth if Social Security Number or Epic Number is unavailable
- Date of Collection
- Identity of phlebotomist

BILLING AND COMPLIANCE

❖ Billing Basics

For all requests that are to be billed to insurance by Allina Medical Laboratories, please make sure that the following information is included with the request:

Patient's first and last name
Patient's DOB
Patient's home address
Name of ordering clinic (or account ID)
Provider's first and last name
Insurance company name(s) *
Insurance company address(es) for smaller payors * Subscriber ID(s) *

Group # (s) *
Subscriber name if different from patient *
Diagnosis(es)
Indication of which tests to perform
Date of collection
Guarantor information for patients under age 18
ABN if appropriate for Medicare patients

** Or a copy of the front and back of the patient's insurance card(s)*

If any of these components are missing, Allina Medical Laboratories Billing will contact your office via fax or phone to try to retrieve the appropriate information. This involves rework on both sides which can become time consuming. Please make a conscious effort to submit the required information with your initial request. Thank you for your cooperation in our efforts to streamline the billing process!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact AML Billing at 612-775-9300.

CHEMISTRY

❖ Ceruloplasmin and Primidone Testing Brought In-House

On Monday October 31, 2005, Allina Medical Laboratories will begin performing Ceruloplasmin and Primidone testing in-house. Specimen requirements and test information for each of the tests are included below:

Test Name	Ceruloplasmin
Ultra Test Code/Number	CRL / 63
CPT Code	82390
List Price	\$23.30
Days Performed	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
Turnaround Time	48 Hours
Reference Range(s)	Adult Male: 18 - 36 mg/dl Adult Female: 18 - 53 mg/dl
Specimen Type	1 ml Serum
Container	Serum Separator Tube (SST)
Processing	Spin
Transport	Refrigerated

Test Name	Primidone
Ultra Test Code/Number	PMD / 1452
CPT Code	80188
List Price	\$30.30
Days Performed	Monday – Sunday
Turnaround Time	24 Hours
Reference Range(s)	5.0 - 12.0 µg/ml
Specimen Type	Serum
Container	Plastic Transfer Vial
Processing	Spin and Separate
Transport	Refrigerated
Alternate Name	Mysoline
Special Instructions	Does not include Phenobarbital. If Phenobarbital result is needed also order PHB / 207 (additional charge and CPT Code 80184).

If you have any questions in regards to this information, please contact your Allina Medical Laboratories Account Representative.

HISTOLOGY

❖ New Full Page Requisition Coming

As our current supplies of histology requisitions are exhausted, AML will be converting to new full page histology requisitions. The colors of the requisitions will not change.

The new requisitions will allow more adequate space to document information about the specimens being submitted, and have also been updated to include a section for clients to indicate that they would like a fungal stain to be performed on the specimen. An example of the new requisition has been included at the end of this newsletter for your reference.

HOSPITAL PATHOLOGY ASSOCIATES UPDATE

❖ Lawrence Burgart, MD Joins HPA

Lawrence Burgart, M.D. joined Hospital Pathology Associates in September 2005. Dr. Burgart earned his medical degree from the University of Iowa College of Medicine. He also completed anatomic and clinical pathology residency training at the University of Iowa. Prior to joining HPA, Dr. Burgart had been a pathologist at the Mayo Clinic since 1994 and had been the Chair of the Division of Anatomic Pathology from 2002-2005.

Dr. Burgart has a strong interest in gastrointestinal pathology. He completed a GI/Liver and Surgical Pathology Fellowship at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine and is board certified in anatomic and clinical pathology. He has published numerous articles and made many presentations on GI and liver pathology. He has chaired or been a member of several committees at the Mayo Clinic including the AP Molecular Diagnostics Working Group, Strategic Planning ad hoc Committee to Develop an Anatomic Pathology Molecular Genetics Laboratory, Colorectal Neoplasia Tissue Access Committee, North Central Cancer Treatment Group, Integrated Liver Testing Task Force, and Lymph Node Working Group. In addition he is chair of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) Surgical Pathology Committee, past president of the Rodger C. Haggitt Gastrointestinal Pathology Society, and a member of the Association of Directors of Anatomic/Surgical Pathology, Pathology Subcommittee of the Cooperative Familial Registry for Colorectal Cancer Study, and Association of Directors of Anatomic/Surgical Pathology.



Lawrence Burgart, MD

SEND OUTS

❖ **Bordetella Serologies Update**

If you have been ordering Bordetella Serologies on your patients, please note that there has been a change to this testing.

In the past, this testing included IgA, IgG and IgM serologies, however, the IgM testing has been discontinued nation wide. Bordetella Serology testing now includes only the IgA and IgG.

HELP US HELP YOU

❖ **United Hospital Laboratory is Moving**

On November 2nd, 2005, the United Hospital Laboratory will be moving from their current location on the second floor of the hospital to the first floor, near admitting.

If you drop specimens off at United, or direct patients to the United Hospital laboratory for specimen collection, please note this change.

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