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### ANDROLOGY

#### ❖ Department Updates

We would like to make our clients aware of two changes within the AML Andrology department.

First, the Andrology laboratory located at Abbott Northwestern Hospital has moved to a new location in the Midtown Medical Building. The new location is across the parking lot from the previous location. Parking in the connecting lot is still free for patients. The new address is:

2828 Chicago Ave S, Ste 450  
Minneapolis, MN 55407

There are no changes to our phone or fax numbers with this move:

Phone: 612-863-4115  
Fax: 612-863-4146

Second, to more effectively serve your patients we are now scheduling appointments for all semen testing at our Unity and Mercy Hospital sites. The centralized scheduling number for patients to call and schedule Andrology testing at any of our sites (Abbott Northwestern, United, Mercy and Unity) is 612-863-4115. Please send a completed Andrology test requisition along with the patient or fax it in advance to 612-863-4146. The testing days and times of sample processing are as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Testing Days</u>	<u>Times of Operation</u>
Unity Hospital	Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	7:00am until 10:00am
Mercy Hospital	Monday & Wednesday	7:00am until 10:00am
United Hospital	Friday	7:00am until 10:50am
Abbott Northwestern Hospital	Monday-Friday	7:30am until 3:15pm

Private collection rooms are available at the Abbott Northwestern Hospital location only. United, Mercy and Unity only accept samples collected off site.

Clients can order Andrology requisitions updated with these changes via the AML online Supply Catalog at [www.allina.com/medicallaboratories](http://www.allina.com/medicallaboratories) or by contacting AML Customer Service at 612-863-4678, Option 1.

For more information, visit our website at [www.allina.com/ahs/allinalabs.nsf/page/andrology.home](http://www.allina.com/ahs/allinalabs.nsf/page/andrology.home) , or call us at 612-863-4115.

## BILLING AND COMPLIANCE

### ❖ Memorial Blood Center Price Adjustment

AML received notice from Memorial Blood Center that they will be adjusting prices on two tests effective September 1, 2009. The tests, CPT code and pricing are as follows:

Test Name	#/Panel Code	CPT Code	Current List Price	New List Price (9/1/2009)
ANTI HIV1 WESTERN BLOT	740/HWB	86689	\$160	\$165
HCV RIBA	5527/RIB	86804	\$163	\$168

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### ❖ Dealing With Difficult People

The next AML Continuing Education offering will be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 in the Pettingill (formerly Minnesota) Room of the Allina Commons.

Dr Mark Zipper, PhD, will be giving a presentation titled *Dealing with Difficult People*. Dr Zipper's specialty is Psychology and his special interests include chronic illness, life transitions, couples counseling and adult mental health

Please watch for complete information, including registration information, which will be coming to your mailbox soon!

## CYTOLOGY

### ❖ FNA Slide Labeling Instructions

In order to ensure that all FNA specimens have complete labeling by the collecting site, as well as allow room for the labeling that must occur once the specimen reaches the AML Cytology laboratory, a guide has been developed for labeling of FNA slides collected by our clients. The information included below includes instruction for labeling of both air dried and fixed slides as well as single and multiple site collections.

**For Fine Needle Aspirations collected in the clinic**, a yellow AML Fine Needle Aspirate requisition should be completed and sent along with the slides to AML. Please note any previous history on the request form, record the number of air-dried and fixed slides and indicate if specimen, along with the slides, is also submitted in RPMI, CytoLyt or Formalin.

- Slides must be labeled with **two patient identifiers, preferably last name, first initial, and date of birth.** If slides are air-dried or fixed, that should be indicated on each slide.

	11-12-49 <i>Air</i>
	Johnson, R.

	11-12-49 <i>Fix</i>
	Johnson, R.

- If different sites are aspirated, i.e., right and left neck or right and left breast, indicate on drawing on FNA form and slides use Rt and L.

	11-12-49 Fix
	<i>Rt.</i>
	Johnson, R.

	11-12-49 Air
	<i>L</i>
	Johnson, R.

- If different nodules in the same lobe of the thyroid are aspirated, indicate on drawing on FNA request form and on slides, i.e., if lesions in the upper right and middle of the right thyroid lobe are aspirated, indicate #1 and #2 on drawing and on corresponding slides.

	11-12-49 Air
	<i>#1</i>
	Johnson, R.

	11-12-49 Air
	<i>#2</i>
	Johnson, R.

## MICROBIOLOGY

### ❖ GC & Chlamydia DNA Probe Specimen Packaging

Individual zip-lock packages are supplied with all swab and urine DNA probe kits. If you do not have the individual bags, please contact AML Customer Service at 612-863-4678.

When GC and Chlamydia DNA Probe specimens are tested, the instrument pierces the top of the cap to aspirate the sample. Because of this direct cap sampling, if tubes are not packaged properly and leak during transport, cross-contamination is a potential. Because of this potential, all GC and Chlamydia DNA probe specimens must be individually packaged in the zip-lock bags provided. If there is any leakage and specimens are not individually packaged, recollection of all specimens in the package would be required.

The AML Collection Manual located at [www.allina.com/medicallaboratories](http://www.allina.com/medicallaboratories) has been updated to include these packaging instructions.

## MOLECULAR

### ❖ Genetic Testing Specimen Requirement Clarification

The AML Molecular Diagnostics Lab has been receiving multiple EDTA tubes for genetic testing. We would like to clarify that only ONE (1) tube needs to be drawn for any combination of the following tests:

- Factor V Leiden Mutation – 5635/FVL
- Factor II Gene Mutation – 2260/F2M
- Hemochromatosis C282Y Gene - 5638/HH
- JAK2 V617F Mutation Detection - 7781/JAK
- Methylenetetrahydrofolate Reductase Gene Mutation - 5919/MTL

Five (5 ml) whole blood required. EDTA (lavender top) is the preferred anticoagulant, however, ACD (yellow top) or Na Citrate (blue top) are also acceptable. **Note:** *Heparin is not an acceptable anticoagulant.*

The Molecular Diagnostics testing requisitions are currently being reviewed and revised. The new requisition will include this information.

If you have any questions in regards to this message, please contact your AML Account Representative.

## SEND OUTS

### ❖ Anal-Rectal HPV Testing Available

Allina Medical Laboratories announces the availability of Anal-Rectal HPV DNA testing, performed by Quest Diagnostics. HPV testing is available for either High Risk types only, or both High & Low Risk Types, so when ordering, you must specify whether you want High & Low Risk, or High Risk only. Test ordering information for each is included below.

**Test Name:** ANAL-RECTAL HPV DNA HIGH RISK  
**Test Number:** 994/MSO  
**Collect:** Digene STM  
**Alternate Collect:** NONE  
**Container:** Digene STM with Intact Brush  
**Processing:** Submit Entire Specimen  
**Transport/Stability:** Frozen  
**Alternate Names:** Human Papillomavirus  
**Performing Lab:** Quest Diagnostics (15949x)  
**Days Set Up:** M - F  
**Expected TAT:** 3 - 5 Days  
**Ref. Ranges:** HPV DNA, High Risk: Not Detected  
**Collection/  
Processing Details:** Collect Anal-Rectal specimens using the Cervical Sampler brush included in the Digene HC™ Cervial Sampler Collection Kit. Transport brush in Digene STM to the lab. Assure that brush is submerged correctly in transport media and that cap is securely tightened in order to prevent leakage in transit. Rejected if: thawed or specimen is not in Digene STM with Submerged collection brush. If Cytology testing is needed on the Anal-Rectal specimen, co-collection with Thin Prep Pap collection is required.  
**Method:** Hybrid Capture II  
**CPT Codes:** 87621-90  
**Supply Connection:** [Digene Collection Kit](#)

**Test Name:** ANAL-RECTAL HPV DNA HIGH & LOW RISK  
**Test Number:** 994/MSO  
**Collect:** Digene STM  
**Alternate Collect:** NONE  
**Container:** Digene STM with Intact Brush  
**Processing:** Submit Entire Specimen  
**Transport/Stability:** Frozen  
**Alternate Names:** Human Papillomavirus  
**Performing Lab:** Quest Diagnostics(17185x)  
**Days Set Up:** M - F  
**Expected TAT:** 3 - 5 Days  
**Ref. Ranges:** HPV DNA, High Risk: Not Detected HPV DNA, Low Risk: Not Detected

**Collection/**

**Processing Details:** Collect Anal-Rectal specimens using the Cervical Sampler brush included in the Digene HC™ Cervical Sampler Collection Kit. Transport brush in Digene STM to the lab. Assure that brush is submerged correctly in transport media and that cap is securely tightened in order to prevent leakage in transit. Rejected if: thawed or specimen is not in Digene STM with Submerged collection brush. If Cytology testing is needed on the Anal-Rectal specimen, co-collection with Thin Prep Pap collection is required.

**Method:** Hybrid Capture II

**CPT Codes:** 87621-90 x2

**Supply Connection:** [Digene Collection Kit](#)

Anal-Rectal HPV specimens must be collected using the Digene HC™ Cervical Sampler Collection Kit, so if both cytology and HPV testing is requested, two specimens must be collected; Thin Prep Pap collection for the cytology and the Digene collection device for the HPV. Digene HC™ Cervical Sampler Collection Kits can be ordered on our online Supply Catalog at [www.allina.com/medicallaboratories](http://www.allina.com/medicallaboratories).

If you have any questions regarding these new tests, please contact your AML Account Representative.

## SUPPLIES

### ❖ Cary Blair Stool Transport Media Change

Due to a change by the manufacturer, the cap color of the Cary Blair Stool Transport vials is changing from orange to a dark green. Please be aware that this is the same color as the Ecofix vials for Ova & Parasites, although the Ecofix vial cap has a small dome, and the Cary Blair does not.

The photo available on our online Supply Catalog as well as on our Microbiology/Virology resource will be updated to reflect this change.

### ❖ Supply Courier Delivery Update

If Dynamex is your regular AML courier provider, and your location is within the metro area, your supplies will be not be delivered at the time of your specimen pickup. Instead, your supplies will be delivered by a Dynamex AM Express driver. Upon delivery, the Dynamex driver will be asking the recipient for a receipt signature in order to assist with delivery documentation. If the driver has any questions regarding the signature, they may ask you for a spelling clarification. If you have any questions regarding delivery of your supplies, the capture of this signature will allow us to assist you better.

## ❖ Supply Inventory, Monitoring and Returns

We ask that clients monitor and inventory all items supplied by AML for your specimen collection and transport. Please try to keep an adequate, but not overstocked, amount of supplies in your clinic and rotate stock so as to use the oldest supplies first.

If you have too many supplies or incorrect items in stock, they can be returned to AML by sending the items in a courier bag along with your normal specimen pickup. In order to facilitate this process, we have created a simple form for you to complete and include with your returned supplies.

### Supplies to be Returned

Clinic Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s): \_\_\_\_\_

REASON:

Expired/Expiring

Too many ordered: Order Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered wrong item: Order Number: \_\_\_\_\_

AML sent wrong Item: Order Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Please complete this form and return with the item(s) being sent back to AML.

These forms can be printed from our website at [www.allina.com/medicallaboratories](http://www.allina.com/medicallaboratories). Once you have reached the homepage, click on the Forms link in the left hand NavBar. The forms can also be ordered in pads of 25 on our Supply Catalog found at the same home page.

## WEB SITE

### ❖ CEU DVD's Available for Checkout

AML sponsors quarterly Continuing Education presentations in the Twin Cities area. For those unable to attend, we record each presentation and make the DVD's available for viewing.

Upcoming CEU event information as well as a listing of available VHS tapes and DVD's along with a Presentation Request Form can be found by clicking on the **Continuing Education Listings** link on our website homepage at [www.allina.com/medicallaboratories](http://www.allina.com/medicallaboratories).

### ❖ Updated Cytogenetics & Critical Values Directory of Services Documents Available

The Cytogenetics & Critical Values sections of the AML Directory of Services were recently revised and are available on our website at [www.allina.com/medicallaboratories](http://www.allina.com/medicallaboratories). Once on the homepage, click on *Reference Laboratory Directory of Services* in the left hand NavBar and then click on *Cytogenetics or Critical Values*.

If you do not have access to the internet and need a copy of the revised documents, please contact your AML Account Representative.

## HELP US HELP YOU

### ❖ **Keeping Your Physician List Current**

Please review your AML requisitions on a regular basis to make sure that we are maintaining a complete and accurate physician listing for your clinic. If any updates (removals or additions) are needed, please contact your Account Representative.

### ❖ **Contacting Allina Medical Laboratories**

For fastest service when contacting Allina Medical Laboratories, please call our Customer Service Department at 612-863-4678.

Phone numbers which previously connected you to the laboratories at ANW, Mercy, United and Unity are now routed to a centralized call station for inpatient and outpatient assistance. Calling our Customer Service number will allow fastest service for our reference laboratory clients, as well as the minimal number of transfers.

***THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ALLINA MEDICAL LABORATORIES -  
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