

ACL Laboratories Discontinues Reporting of *C. difficile* On Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel (Test Order Code LAB9037)

Effective, Wednesday, July 20, 2022, AACL Laboratories will no longer report *Clostridiodes difficile* as part of the Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel (Test Order Code LAB9037). Providers ordering the Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel who also want to know if *C. difficile* is present must place an additional order for the “*C. difficile* Toxin PCR” Test (Test Order Code LAB9030).

ACL Laboratories decided to make this change for several reasons listed below:

- Often the Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel and the *C. difficile* Toxin PCR test are used in different patient populations and the presence of *C. difficile* can be a confounding result when providers are not looking for it.
- Prior to 2021, *C. difficile* was not part of the Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel and many Providers currently place orders for both Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel and *C. difficile*. This can lead to unnecessary testing duplication and higher charges for the patient.
- The removal of *Clostridiodes difficile* from the Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel will ensure Providers get a *C. difficile* result only when they want it (by specifically ordering it).

For additional information regarding these tests, as well as specimen collection requirements, please contact ACL Client Services at 1.800.877.7016 or visit our website at acllaboratories.com/test-catalog/.

ACL Laboratories Test Update

Myelin Oligodendrocyte Glycoprotein (MOG) Antibody, IgG by IFA with Reflex to Titer, Serum

Effective Thursday, July 21, 2022, ACL will offer Myelin Oligodendrocyte Glycoprotein (MOG) Antibody, IgG by IFA with Reflex to Titer, Serum (Test Order Code LAB11223) as an orderable code. Myelin Oligodendrocyte Glycoprotein (MOG) Antibody, IgG by IFA with Reflex to Titer, Serum is performed at ARUP Laboratories. Test requirements are as follows:

| Specimen Requirements | Myelin Oligodendrocyte Glycoprotein (MOG) Antibody, IgG by IFA with Reflex to Titer, Serum |
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| Collection Tube | Gold Gel or Plain Red |
| Specimen Type | Serum |
| Volume | 1.0mL (min 0.15mL) |
| Temperature | Refrigerated |
| Turnaround Time | 8 Days |

ACL Laboratories Test Update (cont'd)

Carbohydrate Deficient Transferrin for Alcohol Use

Effective Thursday, July 21, 2022, ACL will offer Carbohydrate Deficient Transferrin for Alcohol Use (Test Order Code LAB11198) as an orderable code. Carbohydrate Deficient Transferrin for Alcohol Use is performed at ARUP Laboratories. Test requirements are as follows:

| Specimen Requirements | Carbohydrate Deficient Transferrin for Alcohol Use |
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| Collection Tube | Gold Gel or Plain Red |
| Specimen Type | Serum |
| Volume | 1.0mL (min 0.2mL) |
| Temperature | Frozen |
| Turnaround Time | 10 Days |

Lymphocyte Subset Panel 6 - Total Lymphocyte Enumeration with CD45RA and CD45RO

Effective Thursday, July 21, 2022, ACL will offer Lymphocyte Subset Panel 6 - Total Lymphocyte Enumeration with CD45RA and CD45RO (Test Order Code LAB11116) as an orderable code. Lymphocyte Subset Panel 6 - Total Lymphocyte Enumeration with CD45RA and CD45RO is performed at ARUP Laboratories. **Given the short stability of the specimen, please contact Referral Testing at 1.847.349.7382 to determine the best method to get the specimen to the performing lab.** Test requirements are as follows:

| Specimen Requirements | Lymphocyte Subset Panel 6 - Total Lymphocyte Enumeration with CD45RA and CD45RO |
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| Collection Tube | Lavender EDTA or Green top (sodium or lithium heparin) |
| Specimen Stability | 72 hours for EDTA / 48 hours for Green top |
| Specimen Type | Whole Blood |
| Volume | 4.0mL (min 0.5mL) |
| Temperature | Ambient |
| Turnaround Time | 4 Days |