



OSF System Lab to move 2 tests in house

Free and Total Testosterone testing and Sex Hormone Binding Globulin testing will soon be performed at the OSF System Laboratory. Test FTTEST (Free and Total Testosterone) will be a panel and will include Total Testosterone, Sex Hormone Binding Globulin, albumin and a calculated Free Testosterone, eliminating the need to order Sex Hormone Binding Globulin separately.

Extensive method evaluations were conducted comparing Mayo Medical Laboratory's directly measured Free Testosterone to the Abbott Architect calculated method. These studies show the calculated Free Testosterone compared very well to the directly measured Free Testosterone performed at Mayo.

FTTEST will require one gold top vacutainer (1.0 ml serum, refrigerated). Testing will be done daily with a 24 hour turn-around-time.

Sex Hormone Binding Globulin is the other test to be performed in-house on the Abbott Architect. SHBIGL (Sex Hormone Binding Globulin), will require one gold top vacutainer (0.5 ml serum, refrigerated) and will also be performed daily with a 24 hour turn-around-time.

Additional information to come as the build on these test progresses.

MACRA is coming

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 is bipartisan federal legislation signed into law in April of 2015. The law does many things, but most importantly it establishes new ways to pay physicians for providing care to Medicare patients. It is the largest reform of the American health system since the Affordable Care Act of 2010. The purpose is to fix the way Medicare doctors are reimbursed and it fills in a funding gap and extends a popular Children's Insurance Program (CHIP).

MACRA related regulations also address incentives for use of health IT by physicians and other care providers. Under MACRA, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is tasked with implementation of a Merit-based Incentive Program (MIP), which consolidates the three existing incentive programs into one for eligible physicians. One of the incentive programs is implementation of a nationwide electronic health record (EHR) system, with the goal being Dec 31, 2018. Eventually you will need to conform to this legislation in order to provide Medicare services and be reimbursed by Medicare, for those services.

If you are still submitting lab orders utilizing paper requisitions, eventually you will be required to transition to an electronic ordering venue. The OSF System Laboratory offers Atlas web-based ordering to help fulfill this requirement. We provide the software and a label printer (to print specimen labels), training and lab-based support. You need to furnish a computer and printer. Contact us for information or to arrange a brief tutorial on Atlas.

New tests or test changes

Effective 2/17, Mayo code FATPM, Thiopurine Methyltransferase, RBC was turned off and was replaced with test TPMT3, Thiopurine Methyltransferase (TPMT) Activity Profile, Erythrocytes (LAB4701).

Effective 3/3, Mayo test BCRA, BCR/ABL, p210, mRNA detection, Reverse transcription PCR (RT-PCR), Quantitative, Monitoring Chronic Myelogenous leukemia (CML), had a change to the AOE question. The AOE is a mandatory field and now asks Specimen Type. Also, there was a change to the result code.

Effective 3/7, Mayo test FLEPM will be turned off and replaced with Mayo test LEPDT, Leptospira IgM (LAB4598).

Questions about your bill?

If you are an Outreach lab client and have a billing-related question, please follow the first step, which is to contact our Patient Accounts and Access Center billing department at **(309) 683-6750**. The PAAC billing agents will be happy to assist you with your inquiry.

Client Rep:

Deanna Hibbert (309) 624-9138
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ThinPrep Pap test lubricant compatibility

Certain lubricants are incompatible with ThinPrep Pap testing and cannot be used. Following is a list of lubricants that ARE compatible:

PAP Test Lubricating Jelly manufactured by Aseptic Control Product (**Preferred**)
Surgilube Surgical Lubricant manufactured by HR Pharmaceuticals (**Preferred**)
K-Y Jelly (**Physician Formula only**) manufactured by Johnson and Johnson
Surgel manufactured by Ulmer Pharmacal

While use of any lubricant is not recommended, if it is necessary, use of any lubricants other than those listed above will result in specimen contamination and in all likelihood, specimen rejection.

[Click here](#) to read the ThinPrep collection instructions and view the Lubricant Compatibility chart.

When hand writing specimen labels...

Please PRINT the names and DOB when handwriting specimen labels. Curative handwriting can sometimes be difficult to read and we ask that you legibly PRINT the names and DOB on the handwritten specimen labels.

2016 Client Survey

Thanks to those of you who took the time to participate in the client survey. The results will be compiled and as a result, any action that is needed will be carefully discussed. Results are typically sent out later in the year, once the answers have been analyzed.

Gold top or Red top only for Vitamin B12 and Estradiol

Vitamin B12 and Estradiol tube requirements have changed. Only Gold top or Red top tubes will be acceptable for Vitamin B12 and Estradiol testing. We can no longer accept Green top Lithium Heparin tubes for these tests. All transport requirements remain the same. Please note this change and help us minimize specimen rejections due to submission of the wrong color tube for these two tests.



When ordering a VAGSCR:

To minimize the risk of a lost specimen, when ordering a VAGSCR, label the Affirm tube and place the tube inside a urine cup. It is important that the tube be labeled with the patient information and not just the urine cup. Please follow these guidelines to help minimize the possible loss or rejection of a specimen.

Keep in mind...

“Life isn’t about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.” — *George Bernard Shaw*

New Humana genetic testing guidelines posted on lab website

The new genetic procedure guidelines for 2017 have been posted on the OSF System Laboratory website. [Click here to read](#). Additional information can be found on Humana’s website at www.humana.com

LOINC coming

Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC) values is a database and universal standard for identifying medical laboratory observations. First developed in 1994, LOINC was created and is maintained by the Regenstrief Institute, a US nonprofit medical research organization. LOINC was created to fulfill the demand for an electronic database for clinical care and management and is publically available at no cost.

LOINC is endorsed by the American Clinical Laboratory Association and the College of American Pathologists. Since its inception, the database has expanded to include not just medical laboratory code names, but also nursing diagnosis, nursing interventions, outcomes classifications and patient care data sets.

In response to an escalating demand for LOINC codes, the OSF System Laboratory has taken the first steps towards implementing LOINC values in our result reports. Although the process at OSF is in its infancy, it is moving forward. More updates to come as the implementation moves forward.

THE LOOK ON MY FACE WHEN....

