

The Provider is responsible for a signed Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN)

It is the responsibility of the provider to make sure an ABN is processed, including the cost, and signed when the diagnosis does not meet medical necessity or if the test falls under National Coverage Determinations (NCD) or Local Coverage Determinations (LCD) for frequency. Medicare reimbursements are limited to items and services that are considered “reasonable and necessary” for the diagnosis or treatment of an illness or injury (and fall within the scope of a Medicare benefit category). This is true even if the patient insists on having the test run. You MUST issue an ABN when there is any possibility to expect that Medicare may deny payment if the test is not deemed reasonable and necessary under Medicare Program standards and the ABN MUST include the cost of the test or procedure to be valid.

For Non-OSF client submitters, the OSF System Laboratory makes every reasonable attempt to assist the ordering provider in denoting tests that fall under NCD/LCD frequency guidelines; Paper submitters...tests are bolded in light green-shaded boxes. Atlas users; if you have selected the option to bill Medicare, logic is built into the system to compare the test to the ICD-10 diagnosis code and will prompt you with options if the ICD-10 code doesn't meet CMS guidelines. It will ask you to change your diagnosis or print an ABN for the patient to sign.

If you believe that a test subject to a frequency limitation exceeds the Medicare Program frequency limits for test ordering, you MUST issue an ABN with the cost, before you draw and order the test. With this requirement, you must evaluate test frequency limits and look up how many times the test was ordered during the specific timeframe for that patient.

Client Survey Extended

We are extending the Client Survey for one more week. It will now run through Friday, December 21st.

OSF Client Submitter

Non-Affiliated OSF Client Submitter

New UA Reflex if Indicated by Abnormal

On Dec 4th, the OSF System Lab went live with a new urinalysis test. Urine culture testing will now automatically be ordered/received when appropriate based on urinalysis results. Urinalysis with Microscopic if Indicated (LAB2344) will be retired and should be removed from all preference lists, **excluding DMH lists**.

This change will take place Ministry-wide in an effort to decrease the turn-around-time for our patient’s results and provide them with a faster diagnosis.

Atlas users will still order UA, with the only change being the removal of the AOE questions.

Any questions can be directed to Dr. John Farrell at (309) 627-9129.

Questions about your bill?

Please 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.

Clinical Rep:

Raechel Pfahl (309) 624-9100
Sabrina Mullins (309) 624-9144

Sales and Marketing Supervisor:

Gregg Simpson (309) 624-3927

REMINDER:

Courier Services will be closed on Tuesday, Dec 25th and on Tuesday, January 1st for the Christmas and New Year Holidays. There will be a few couriers making a limited number of scheduled holiday stops on those 2 days.



Serologic IgE Testing for Allergens and Asthma Available at OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center's Laboratory

What is the ImmunoCAP® Specific IgE test?

ImmunoCAP® is a serologic test performed on a patient's blood specimen which identifies the presence of specific IgE antibodies for allergens present in children and adults. The ImmunoCAP® methodology typically requires only one venous blood draw from the patient, and is an excellent tool when trying to identify specific allergen sensitizations in patients.

What does ImmunoCAP® measure?

The ImmunoCAP® methodology is based upon an in-vitro quantitative assay which measures specific IgE within human serum; and is intended to be used as an aide in the diagnosis of clinical cases of IgE-mediated allergy disorders when used with correlating clinical signs, symptoms, and findings.

With ImmunoCAP®'s broad range of specific IgE testing available, OSF HealthCare is able to offer diagnostic testing for hundreds of allergens ranging from different pollens, weeds, trees, and grasses, to varying molds, different pets and other animal danders, as well as many different types of food (including eggs, milks, proteins, grains, nuts, shellfish, and many others).

Curious???

Find more information about ImmunoCAP® today at their website: www.allergyinsider.com



Ordering ImmunoCAP® testing at OSF...

OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center offers many different allergen-testing options, including seven profiles that contain common allergens for this (the Great Lakes) region. However, if your office provider is looking for something specific, all of the allergens (with the exception of the Peanut Component allergens) are available for testing at OSF individually as well.

OSF's specific allergen panels are listed below:

- * **Respiratory Allergen Profile**
(RSPALG: LAB1409)
- * **Children's Allergy Profile**
(MARCH: LAB825)
- * **Mold Profile**
(MOLDPF: LAB1286)
- * **Nut Allergy Profile**
(NUTALG: LAB1057)
- * **Food Allergy Profile**
(FDALLPRO: LAB4790)
- * **Peanut Component Profile**
(PEACMP: LAB4600)
- * **Shellfish Profile**
(SHEL: LAB1803)



Questions???

If you, or your provider(s) have questions about specific allergens available for patient testing, or would like to learn more about this platform, please contact your OSF HealthCare Laboratory Clinical Representative today!

Sabrina Mullins (309) 624-9144

Rachel Pfahl (309) 624-9100

Keep in mind...

“Christmas is the celebration of the event that set heaven to singing, an event that gave the stars of the night sky new brilliance.” — *Billy Graham*