

CMS NCD/LCD & ICD-10 Code Updates...

On October 1st, CMS released the 2020 updates to the ICD-10 diagnosis codes as well as updated NCD/LCD guidelines for patient testing frequencies. These updates were reflected in Atlas (Sunquest) and could have potentially caused additional Advanced Beneficiary Notifications (ABN's) to print out when orders were/are placed. Providers should continue to follow OSF protocol for completing and submitting patient ABN forms with the corresponding patient orders.

It is the provider's (not the Laboratory's) responsibility to provide a properly completed and signed ABN form when patient testing coverage is questioned.

If you have any questions regarding ABN forms, please contact Laboratory Customer Support and ask to speak with your Clinical Representative; 1-800-533-6730.

OSF HealthCare's Sedimentation Rate Method Changed Ministry-wide...

Effective on October 1st, OSF HealthCare standardized Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate (ESR) methodology across the OSF Ministry; meaning that this new methodology is now utilized at all OSF HealthCare Laboratories. The new OSF methodology for patient testing now uses quantitative capillary photometry (aggregation) to measure the erythrocyte sedimentation rate, allowing for a shorter turnaround time and fewer interferences.

When ordering this test for patients, the Epic and Atlas (Sunquest) information remained the same (SRATE, LAB1434), and the CPT code is now 85652. The specimen type for this test also remained the same (one full lavender top tube labeled with the patient's name & date of birth).

The updated reference ranges can be seen below.

ESR Reference Range—new methodology:

Men:

Newborn (0-31 days):	≤10mm/h
Child (31 days—12 years):	≤10mm/h
Male 12-50 years old:	≤15mm/h
Male >50 years old:	≤15mm/h

Women:

Newborn (0-31 days):	≤10mm/h
Child (31 days—12 years):	≤10mm/h
Women 12-50 years old:	≤20mm/h
Women >50 years old:	≤20mm/h

If you have any questions regarding this new methodology, please contact Melinda Davis, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center Core Laboratory Manager, at (309) 624-9024 or contact SFMC's Laboratory Customer Support at 1-800-533-6730 and ask to speak to your Clinical Representative.

Mayo Clinic Laboratories Test Updates...

Effective on 10/1/2019:

- OSF System Laboratory updated the Galactose-1-Phosphate test (GAL1P) to reflect several changes made to the test at Mayo Clinic Laboratories. The changes include specimen collection requirement changes (specimen preference has been updated to be a full 3 mL lavender (EDTA) tube that must be received at Mayo within 72 hours of collection), the Mayo testing methodology changed from an ultraviolet enzymatic method to liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS), and the reference range was updated (Normal Range: ≤ 0.9 mg/dL and Therapeutic Range: ≤ 4.9 mg/dL).

Effective on 10/24/2019:

- OSF System Laboratory is turning on Mayo reflex test code CK53S; this is a reflex test for Mayo code P53CA.
- OSF System Laboratory is turning on Mayo test code ETX and turning off obsolete test code ETHSX.

Effective on 10/28/2019:

- Mayo test code VITB12 will have collection instructions updated to include:
 - Preferred shipping temperature change from Frozen to Refrigerated.
 - Patient Preparation includes fasting overnight (between 12-14 hours; for infants, immediately prior to next feeding).
 - Collection instructions include collection in a heparin tube, protecting specimen from light, and centrifuging within two hours of collection and aliquoting to light protected amber vial—all while keeping the specimen at refrigerated temperatures..

"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance."

- Alan W. Watts

Spotlight Article Coming at you in November...

Due to unforeseen events and time constraints, there is not a spotlight article for the month of October.

The OSF Lab Outreach team apologizes for this inconvenience and looks forward to bringing a new Spotlight to November's newsletter!



Questions??

If you are an OSF Laboratory Outreach client and you have a billing-related question, please contact OSF's Patient Accounts and Access Center billing department at (309) 683-6750.

The PAAC billing agents will be happy to assist you with your inquiry.

If you have other questions, please contact OSF's Laboratory Customer Support department at (800) 533-6730 and they will direct you to the appropriate Laboratory Mission Partner.