

# Laboratory News

## Mayo Kidney Stone Analysis test update...

For those providers that submit patient kidney stone specimens for analysis, Mayo Clinic Laboratories is rolling out an updated test to replace their current Kidney Stone Analysis (CASA; LAB1936), which goes live on Tuesday, August 20th.

The new Kidney Stone Analysis testing methodology will remain the same (Infrared Spectrum Analysis); however, the ordering test ID will change. To order the Kidney Stone Analysis test on or after August 20th, the new Mayo orderable ID is KIDST while the OSF Lab orderable ID will remain the same (LAB1936). Also remaining the same is the billable CPT code: 82365. Mayo will be performing the new KIDST test Monday through Saturday on all shifts.

The biggest change with this new Kidney Stone Analysis test is that, if the patient stone is not cleaned and dried appropriately, the KIDST test will reflex a processing fee to clean and dry the stone. The reflex test is called "Stone Processing Charge," and the Mayo ID is STNPC. Currently, our OSF process is to send the patient stone specimens (immediately upon arrival in our Laboratory) to the Sendouts department for accessioning into Mayo's system so that they can be sent off as soon as possible.

In the past, OSF Lab Mission Partners would clean and dry the stones, however, it was decided many months ago between our Sendouts and Pathology department Mission Partners that cleaning and drying patient specimens here at OSF was not worth the risk of potentially losing a patient's specimen and we have been sending them in to Mayo as we receive them at our Laboratory.

If you have questions about how to appropriately clean and dry your patient's stone specimens, please visit the OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center Laboratory's online Directory of Services at: <https://osflabmanual.osfhealthcare.org/osflm/SearchPublic.aspx> or call the OSF HealthCare Outreach Services department at 1 (800) 533-6730 and ask to speak with your Clinical Representative and they will be able to get you a copy of the appropriate instructions.

## Nationwide Shortage of Tuberculin Skin Test Antigens per the CDC...

According to the CDC Health Alert Network, there is a nationwide shortage of Tuberculin Skin Test Antigen Aplisol®, which is a product of Par Pharmaceuticals and one of the two purified protein derivatives that is approved by the FDA. The manufacturer notified the CDC in June 2019 that there was the possibility of a 3-10 month nationwide shortage of this antigen, but as this was based on the manufacturer's estimate in June, the delay could be less or more depending on the demand for the product. If you are looking for updates on the current status of the shortage, the FDA is keeping up-to-date information at their webpage: <https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/safety-availability-biologics/cber-regulated-products-current-shortages>.

If your office finds itself in need of a method to test a patient's Tuberculosis infection status, OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center Laboratory does offer another method of testing for patients. Saint Francis Medical Center utilizes the IGRA (interferon-gamma release assay) method, which is the other FDA-approved method for determining TB infection status, and performs testing on a blood specimen from the patient. Both the skin tests and the IGRA testing are used for the diagnosis of both latent TB infections and can also aid in the diagnosis of TB disease.

To order the test at OSF, the provider would need to order the specific collection tube kits from Saint Francis Medical Center Laboratory **before** ordering the testing on patients **and** before collecting the patient specimens. The test is the Quantiferon-TB Gold Plus (QFTP; LAB4907); for more information about QFTP testing, please contact your OSF Laboratory Clinical Representative.

## Note regarding Rheumatoid Factor Spotlight from July's Laboratory Newsletter...

It was brought to our attention that certain OSF Sister Hospitals do perform a qualitative Rheumatoid Factor screening test before sending to OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center Laboratory for the quantitative Rheumatoid Factor testing that is performed at Saint Francis.

A Sister Hospital brought to SFMC's attention that the way that the Spotlight article from July's newsletter specifies testing to be ordered could confuse OSF HealthCare Laboratory Clients that send testing to Sister Hospitals where SFMC only receives the testing that the Sister Hospital doesn't perform.

For those Clients and other OSF Facilities that send Rheumatoid Factor screening tests to Saint Joseph's and Saint James' Medical Centers, or to Saint Francis Hospital in Escanaba; please continue to first order the Rheumatoid Factor Screen (LAB1413); if that testing is positive, it will reflex the test done at SFMC. For the majority of our OSF Laboratory Clients, though, the Rheumatoid Factor testing comes straight to Saint Francis Medical Center and that needs to be ordered as the Rheumatoid Factor, Quantitative testing (LAB1415), if the specimen gets to SFMC and is ordered as the qualitative screening test, that test will be cancelled and the appropriate test will be ordered.

*"There is more to life than increasing its speed."*

- Mahatma Gandhi

## OSF HealthCare Laboratory website...

If you access the OSF HealthCare Laboratory website with a Google Chrome browser, you may have noticed that our Laboratory's website has been unavailable as of late. It was recently evaluated to ensure that all of the links and information is current and up-to-date. To get to the updated web page, you may need to clear out your data cache and then type in the OSF Laboratory web address again. If you have questions and can't access the website, please contact our Laboratory Customer Support team at 1 (800) 533-6730 and ask to speak with your Clinical Representative.

If you need information about a specimen for a Laboratory test, and prefer to look at the information, the direct link to our online Directory of Services is: <https://osflabmanual.osfhealthcare.org/osflm/SearchPublic.aspx>.

**Please stay tuned for September's special Spotlight Article regarding new things coming to an OSF HealthCare Laboratory near you!**



## 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.