June 21, 2018

ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes
Diagnosis Codes are required on all orders submitted to MCL. This includes testing for general laboratory testing, pap smears, cytology, and surgical pathology (biopsies). Please note, you will be contacted if this is not provided. Please provide this on the order submitted with the specimen to prevent any possible delays in testing.

Cyclospora Testing
The Iowa Department of Public Health is investigating an increasing number of Cyclospora infections, 18 since mid-May, most occurring in central Iowa. Testing for Cyclospora is sent out to the State Hygienic Lab. Please submit the stool sample in the Total Fix transport container.

If only Cyclospora testing is needed, please order a Miscellaneous Test and add “Cyclospora Stain” as a note. The SHL will perform a stain which detects Cyclospora, Cryptosporidium, and Isospora.

If an “OP Expanded” is ordered, the SHL will perform a microscopic examination for parasites.

If interested in bacteria and parasites, MCL offers a Gastrointestinal Panel by PCR that includes Cyclospora.

Please contact Jill Noble, Specialty Services Manager, at 515-247-4038 with any questions.

Mercy Clinical Laboratory has made the decision to align with Mayo Medical Laboratories, located in Rochester, Minnesota. Over the course of the next few months, we will be converting tests to Mayo Medical Laboratories. Below are changes that require specimen collection and/or billing changes. Any interface code changes will be sent separately to your IT contacts. Effective April 18, 2018, MCL is no longer sending tests to PAML; all referred tests will be sent to Mayo Medical Laboratories.

Changes effective June 25, 2018:
The reflex test Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia Ab ELISA from the Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia Ab orderable, will now be performed at Mayo Medical Laboratories instead of MCL.

Performing Laboratory: Mayo Medical Laboratories
CPT: 86022
Specimen Requirements: Serum from Red Top tube.
Minimum Volume: 1 mL
Stability: Frozen: 14 days (preferred) and Refrigerated: 48 hours.
Rejection Criteria: No Gel Tube
Client List Price: $60
Patient/Insurance Price: $60

Please contact Mona Dinnauer, Outreach Manager, at 515-643-4933 with any questions.

Thank you for choosing MCL.