Des Moines Laboratory Update

Date: March 6, 2020

Cryoglobulin Testing

MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory will discontinue performing qualitative cryoglobulin testing effective March 11, 2020 in-house. Cryoglobulin testing will still be available as a send-out, performed by our reference laboratory, Mayo Clinical Laboratories. Sample requirements for cryoglobulin testing will not change as a result of this transition.

Test Name: Cryoglobulin Qualitative (CRYOB)
Performing Laboratory: Mayo Clinic Laboratories.
Acceptable Specimens: Serum from Red top tube.
Minimum Volume: 5 mL
Analysis cannot be performed with less than 3 mL of serum. Smaller volumes are insufficient to detect clinically important trace (mixed) cryoglobulins. Less than 3 mL of serum will require a draw of a new specimen.
Stability: Refrigerated specimens are preferred and frozen specimens acceptable.
CPT: 82595
Client List Price: $60.90
Patient/Insurance Price: $60.90
Notes: Tube must remain at 37 degrees C and allow blood to clot. Centrifuge specimen at 37 degrees C (Do not use a refrigerated centrifuge). It is very important that the specimen remain at 37 degrees C until after separation of serum from red cells. Place serum into an appropriately labeled plastic vial.
Additional Notes: If cryoglobulin is positive, then immunofixation will be performed at an additional charge.

ImmunoCAP IgE Testing

On February 18th 2020 we were notified by ThermoFisher of a recommended change to the reporting range of our Phadia Prime ImmunoCAP specific IgE blood testing. A recent study has shown that any detectable amount of specific IgE may be of clinical significance in the evaluation of allergic reactions (citation available upon request). Based on this update, we have modified our reference range to include a “borderline/equivocal” IgE range of 0.10-0.34 kU/L effective on March 10, 2020.

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

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