

Laboratory Update

Laboratory Test Updates: PBSM, UOX24 and AP Specimens

Peripheral Blood Smear (PBSM) Orders:

PBSM [LAB4879] orders placed must be accompanied by a CBC with Manual Differential. PBSM can be ordered as an Add-on if testing was collected and is in-lab within 24 hours. After 24 hours, a new CBC needs to be collected: a CBC, manual differential and PBSM needs to be ordered.

For any incomplete CBCs performed by clients at their facility, please provide a credit to your patients, and then re-order testing to go to the MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory. Our facility will complete testing following our algorithms and will charge the client accordingly for the CBC, auto/manual differential, and PBSM.

Urine Oxalate 24-hour (LAB421) Test:

The Urine Oxalate 24-hour (UOX24; LAB421) test is unavailable at all our reference labs due to a nationwide shortage of the reagent. The shortage is expected to last tentatively longer than 30 days. As such, we will be making this test unavailable to order until this shortage gets resolved.

AP Specimen Ordering:

All Anatomic Pathology (AP) specimens must be accompanied by ICD-10 diagnosis codes regardless of the bill type they are assigned to.

We would like to thank all our clients for the continued patience, cooperation and understanding as we navigate this transition to EPIC.